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December 11, 1937

RCV:MK

Special Agent in Charge,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ALFRED R. HOLS,  
Jr., President, General Motors  
Corporation; Victim - KIDNAPING.

From a review of the file in this case, it appears that William David Benjamin has addressed communications to prominent individuals throughout the United States requesting, in each instance, the loan of large sums of money for the furtherance of religious institutions of some kind.

From your letter dated July 20, 1937, it is observed that Benjamin has been interviewed in the past by agents of your office in regard to some of the letters written by him, at which time he was cautioned against using the United States mails for purposes of this nature. Subsequent to the interviews had with Benjamin, he has continued to write these letters, and it is desired that you advise whether Benjamin has been reinterviewed and cautioned against using the United States mails for letters of this kind.

It is also desired that you interview the appropriate United States Attorney in your district for his opinion as to the desirability of having Benjamin committed by the state authorities to some mental institution.

Very truly yours,

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**

Washington, D. C.  
October 10, 1937

October 10, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a  
report of Special Agent in Charge, J. Edgar Hoover,  
dated June 11, 1937, relative to the investigation of  
the activities of the "Black Legion" in the Chicago  
area. The report is being furnished to the Bureau  
for information and for the Bureau's files.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Journal of Management Education* 30(6)

From: J. Edgar Hoover;  
 Direct: J. Edgar Hoover, President,  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation - WFOH.  
 All Agents.

However, the contact was made and was interviewed as to the type of checking this list. He stated that it was not at the center was not there at all time and no records were kept, and it would be necessary to contact the Superintendent later.

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RAL:DMS

December 6, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau

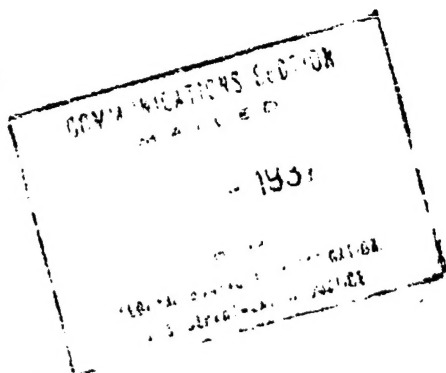
December 2, 1937.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure:





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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

December 6, 1937.

Case: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-43

Specimens: 9-2777-43 Q33 One-page typewritten letter beginning "My Dear Sir:  
I arrived in America\*\*\*".  
" Q34 One envelope addressed to victim and postmarked "Los  
Angeles, California, Arcade Annex, November 16, 1937,  
3 P. M.".

Examination requested by: New York  
Date received: December 2, 1937  
Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Lovett *Ro*

In accordance with your suggestion, no examination is being made  
of the present specimens.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE  
IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE  
THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP  
THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

1-Bureau  
2-New York  
1-Laboratory

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FILE

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

30 Raymond-Bowman Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

December 1, 1937.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Identification Division.

Re: Wanted by F.B.I.;  
ALFRED P. LOAN, Junior,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim.  
ALFRED P. LOAN, Junior.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 12, 1937,  
(6-217) in instant case, advising, as the results of various  
latent fingerprint examinations conducted by the Technical Ser-  
vice.

There is submitted herewith a list of the names and  
fingerprint markers of several former inmates of the New Jersey  
State Prison, Trenton, New Jersey, released therefrom between  
January 1, 1936 and May 1, 1937. It is requested that their  
fingerprints be compared with those unidentified latent prints  
developed, to set out in instant case, for identification.

NAME

REFERENCE TO BUREAU LETTER

ALFRED P. LOAN, Junior  
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ALFRED P. LOAN, Junior

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December 17, 1937.

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9-2777 -

Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alfred P. Sloan,  
Junior, President, General Motors  
Corporation, Victim: EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 6, 1937,  
naming ten individuals as suspects in connection with the above-  
entitled case.

The latent fingerprints previously developed in this  
case have been compared with the fingerprints of the following  
individuals, but no identification has been effected:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE PRISON, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, NO.</u>	<u>FBI NO.</u>
Benjamin Jackson	18499	798293
John J. Walsh	16264	713265
Steve Webber	17791	353827
Emil Soos	18299	1076374
Edward Reed	18459	1116800
Dewey Robinson	17398	836595
William Derby	18400	1110551
Rudolph Valentine	18141	79519
Louis V. Stanley	18432	940366
Nick Montinello, #17947, United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Gloucester City, New Jersey.		

This Nick Montinello is possibly identical with the Nick  
Montinillo named in your letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# Single Fingerprint Report

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Specimens: . . .

1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the situation and the goals that need to be achieved.

2. The second step is to gather information. This involves collecting data and resources that will be needed to solve the problem.

3. The third step is to develop a plan. This involves creating a strategy and a timeline for solving the problem.

4. The fourth step is to implement the plan. This involves putting the strategy into action and monitoring progress.

5. The fifth step is to evaluate the results. This involves assessing the effectiveness of the solution and making adjustments as needed.

Examination Requested By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received:                      Oct 25 , 1931.

Examination requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Result of examination: Examination by:                     

the same time, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* has been publishing a series of articles on the subject of "The Medical Profession and the Public." These articles have been written by leading medical authorities and have been widely read and discussed. They have helped to bring about a better understanding of the medical profession and its responsibilities to the public.

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936 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

December 6, 1937.

LMH:ML  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Identification Division.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, Junior,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 18, 1937,  
(9-2777) in instant case, advising as to the results of various  
latent fingerprint examinations conducted by the Technical Lab-  
oratory.

There is submitted herewith a list of the names and  
fingerprint numbers of several former inmates of the New Jersey  
State Prison, Trenton, New Jersey, released therefrom between  
January 1, 1936 and May 15, 1937. It is requested that their  
fingerprints be compared with those unidentified latent prints  
developed, as set out in reference Bureau letter:

<u>Name</u>	<u>New Jersey State Prison Number</u>
Benj. Jackson	18499
John C. Walsh	16264
Nick Pontinillo	17947
Steve Webber	17791
Emil Loos	18299
Edw. Reed	18159
Lewey Robinson	17398
Walterby	18400
Emmolph Valentino	18111
Louis V. Stanley	18432

Very truly yours,

T. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

9-2777-44

350 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

December 6, 1937.

LMH:ML  
9-85

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Identification Division.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, Junior,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 18, 1937,  
(9-2777) in instant case, advising as to the results of various  
latent fingerprint examinations conducted by the Technical Lab-  
oratory.

There is submitted herewith a list of the names and  
fingerprint numbers of several former inmates of the New Jersey  
State Prison, Trenton, New Jersey, released therefrom between  
January 1, 1936 and May 15, 1937. It is requested that their  
fingerprints be compared with those unidentified latent prints  
developed, as set out in reference Bureau letter:

<u>Name</u>	<u>New Jersey State Prison Number</u>
Benj. Jackson	18199
John J. Walsh	18201
Alon Montinillo	17947
Steve Gebber	17791
Emil Soos	18299
Edw. Reed	18159
Harry Robinson	17300
Wm. Lerby	18100
Marceline Valentine	18111
Louis V. Stanley	18132

Very truly yours,

T. J. S. S. S. S.,  
Special Agent in Charge.

9-2777-44

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

607 U. S. Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York, N. Y.

November 30, 1937

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
EXTORTION  
Bureau File #9-2777

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a letter dated at Los Angeles, California November 16, 1937 beginning, "My Dear Sir, I arrived in America with the one intention of proving the claims made by Mr. Benjamin -----", and signed, "Arthur MacCarnie, 36 Church Road E. 12, London, England", and the envelope in which such letter was mailed postmarked, "Los Angeles, California, 3 P. M., Nov. 16, 1937", addressed to "Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, 30 Rockefeller Center, New York City, New York. - STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL".

This letter apparently was written by William David Benjamin, 233 W. 47th Street, Los Angeles, California, who has been writing rather regularly to Mr. Sloan.

No request is made for any laboratory examination of the enclosures, it merely being suggested that same be placed in the Bureau files for possible future reference.

RECORDED & INDEXED

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli  
R. E. VETTERLI  
Special Agent in Charge

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November 23, 1937.

9-2777-40

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

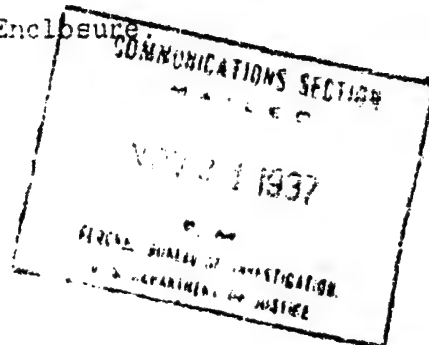
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau November 17, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure





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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RAL:EG

Laboratory Report

Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan, Junior,  
Case: President, General Motors Corporation -  
Victim; Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-40

- Specimens:
- Q26. One sheet written in ink and reads "On the afternoon\*\*".
  - Q27. One sheet written in ink and reads "they or theirs\*\*".
  - Q28. One sheet written in ink and reads "God send you\*\*".
  - Q29. One envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, California, Arcade Annex, 14, November 5, 1937, 7 P. M.".
  - Q30. One sheet written in ink and reads "Ever since the\*\*".
  - Q31. One sheet written in ink and reads "help. If you\*\*".
  - Q32. One envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, California, Arcade Annex, November 6, 1937, 10 P. M.".

New York

Examination requested by:

11/17/37

Date received:

Document

Examination requested:

Lovett

Result of examination:

Examination by:

The conclusion has been reached that the writer of the above-designated specimens is the same person who wrote the letters previously received in connection with this case, designated as specimens Q7 through Q25 and is also the same person who wrote the letters previously connected with this case as set forth in Laboratory Reports #17934 and #18088 dated July 21, 1937, made in connection with this case.

Photographic copies of the evidence are transmitted herewith.

- 1 - Bureau
- 2 - New York
- 1 - Laboratory

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November 23, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: W. D. Benjamin;  
Major Edward Bowes, Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau **November 18, 1937.**

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure:

cc-Los Angeles  
Newark

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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## Laboratory Report

November 23, 1937.

Case **F. D. BENJAMIN;  
MAJOR EDWARD GOWES, Victim;  
EXTORTION.**Number: **9-3287-1**

Specimens: Q1. One sheet typewritten and reads: "If you will\*\*".  
 Q2. One sheet written in pencil and reads: "On the way\*\*".  
 Q3. One envelope postmarked Los Angeles, California, Arcade Annex, 14, November 13, 1937, 1:30 PM.

One Western Union telegram which reads: "Today all facts\*\*".  
 (Submitted for photographing only).

Examination requested by: **New York**Date received: **11-18-37**Examination requested: **Document - Fingerprint**

Result of examination:

Examination by: **Lovett**

The conclusion has been reached that the writer of the instant letter is the same person who wrote similar letters designated as specimens Q7 through Q25 received in connection with the case entitled, Unknown Subject; Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President, General Motors Corporation, Victim; Extortion.

The physical characteristics of specimens Q1 through Q3 in the instant case have been recorded for reference purposes.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

In accordance with your request, two photographic copies of the above specimens are being transmitted herewith.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

2-Bureau (1 for File 9-2777)  
 2-New York  
 1-Los Angeles  
 1-Newark  
 2-Laboratory (1 for File 9-2777)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N.Y.

November 16, 1937

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.  
Bureau File #9-2777

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Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two letters and envelopes, one postmarked Los Angeles, Calif. November 5, 1937 directed to Mr. Alfred Pritchard Sloan, 820 5th Avenue, New York City, New York, the letter beginning "My Dear Mr. Sloan: On the afternoon mail there came a most unusual letter", and the other envelope postmarked Los Angeles, Calif. November 6, 1937 addressed in the same manner and beginning "My Dear Mr. Sloan: Ever since the arrival of the letter from Chicago and my letter to you yesterday."

These letters are being transmitted for inclusion in the Bureau file, it being noted that they have been signed William David Benjamin who is apparently the same individual who has transmitted previous communications to Mr. Sloan.

Very truly yours,

*R. E. Vesterli*  
R. E. Vesterli,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*9-2777-40*

RECORDED

September 24, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

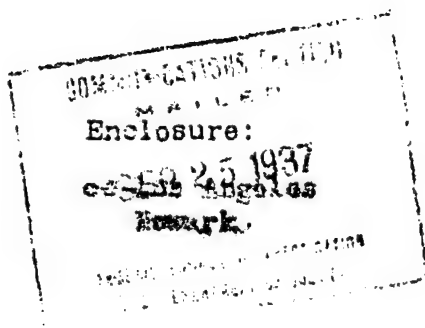
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau September 21, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FJM:ERG UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 19014

Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects; September 24, 1937  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-37

Specimens:

- Q23. First sheet of letter beginning "Last Evening at---".
- Q24. Second sheet of above letter beginning "and Almighty God---".
- Q25. Note beginning "My child you---".

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 9-21-37

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Major *W.A.*

The conclusion has been reached that the handwriting on specimens 9-2777-37 Q23 through Q25 is by the same person who wrote the specimens previously designated as 9-2777-24 Q7 through Q9; 9-2777-27 Q10 through Q16; 9-2777-32 Q17 through Q19 and 9-2777-35 Q20 through Q23.

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded to your office within the next several days.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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- 2-New York
- 1-Los Angeles
- 1-Newark
- 1-Laboratory

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**

FILE NO. **9-85 fcy**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK, NEW JERSEY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-20-37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-15-37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. I. LORD</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President General Motors Corporation-Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** **EMIL SOOS**, released 5-26-37, only convict from Middlesex County released from Trenton State Prison, in recent months.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Newark, N. J. 7-9-37.

**DETAILS:** AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

The records of the Trenton State Prison were searched from January to July, 1937 for any persons released during that time. The only one from Middlesex County so released was EMIL SOOS, who was sentenced on 4-3-36 to serve a term of 1½ to 2 years on a charge of larceny. He was pardoned by the Court of Pardons and released on May 26, 1937. His Trenton State Prison number is 18299.

His release was too late for him to be implicated in this case, therefore, no request is being made to the Bureau regarding him.

## UNDEVELOPED LEADS

### THE NEWARK OFFICE

Will complete leads in reference report.

PENDING

APPROVED AND FORWARDED  <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <b>9-21-37 38 SEP 21 1937</b>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		



9-85

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLOAN,  
JR. - VICTIM.

Inspector Foxworth:

The laboratory report from the Bureau dated June 4, 1937 requests advice from your office, before analysis is undertaken, of the source of certain words and letters used in composing the first extortion note from newspaper clippings. It does not appear that you have ever advised the Bureau in this regard. You should give the Bureau the benefit of your information concerning this contemplated analysis at once. It is further noted that the most recent report submitted by your office is dated May 19, 1937 and contains a number of leads which should be promptly covered by the Agent to whom this case is assigned.

SAC Dovereaux,

The Bureau will be immediately advised concerning the laboratory report of June 4, 1937, and every effort will be made to see that the instant case receives appropriate attention in the immediate future due to the fact that this extortion case is of some prominence and one that should be given vigorous attention.

Inspection report  
Newark office

Inspector Foxworth  
July 12, 1937.

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September 28, 1937

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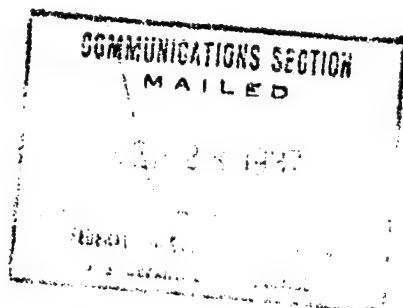
Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report # 19014, in connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

9-2777-37: Q23 through Q25



*[Handwritten signature]*  
Very truly yours.

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

TJD:BWC  
9-326

September 17, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith an undated letter which was addressed to Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., and which was forwarded to this office by Mr. H. M. Hogan of the General Motors Corporation, New York City, on September 14, 1937. This letter begins, "My Dear Mr. Sloan: Last evening at being tormented..." and ends, "Awaiting your wire that a draft is enroute, I am," and is signed by William David Benjamin, 233 West 47th Street, Los Angeles, California.

There was also included with this letter a note beginning, "My child you will never appreciate..." and ending, "God Bless you my son and lead you to do this," signed "A. P. S. Sr."

This letter is being forwarded to the Bureau to be filed with other letters received by Mr. Alfred P. Sloan from William David Benjamin. In so far as this letter is in the same tone and matter of previous letters received, no request is being made for laboratory examination. RECORDED

Very truly yours,

Encl.-1

R. A. Vetterli,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Los Angeles (100-100000)  
cc Newark (100-100000)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim.  
Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-37

Specimens: 9-2777-37 Q23 First sheet of letter beginning "Last Evening at..."  
" Q24 Second sheet of above letter beginning "and Almighty  
God..."  
" Q25 Note beginning "My child you..."

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: Blk 9-20-37 Rec. 9-21-37 ft 4 pm

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Major

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cc-Los Angeles  
Newark

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September 15, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation, Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

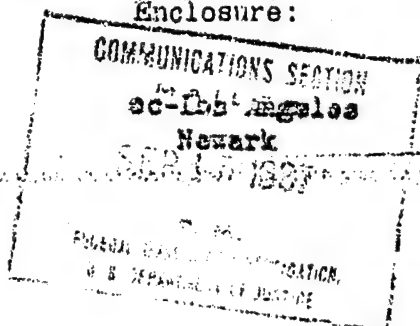
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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, 1937  
Director.

Enclosure:



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Report  
September 15, 1937.Unknown Subjects;  
Case: Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim;  
Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-35

Specimens: 9-2777-35 Q20 First page of letter dated August 30, 1937 beginning "Sorrow attending my\*\*\*".

" Q21 Second sheet of above letter beginning "Will come again\*\*\*".

" Q23 Envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, California, Arcade Annex, 14, August 31, 1937, 11:30 A. M.".

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: September 11, 1937

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Major *may*

The conclusion has been reached that the handwriting on specimens 9-2777-35 Q20 through Q22 is by the same person who wrote the specimens previously designated as 9-2777-24 Q7 through Q8; 9-2777-27 Q10 through Q16, and 9-2777-32 Q17 through Q19.

Specimens 9-2777-35 Q20 and Q21 are handwritten with pen and ink on two sheets of paper both of which measure approximately 8½ by 11 inches, have a plain white finish and contain the watermark "Collins General Bond". This watermark is registered by the Collins Manufacturing Company, 226 West Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The envelope designated as specimen 9-2777-35 Q22 is a regular Air Mail envelope such as are issued by the Post Office Department.

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded to your office within the next several days.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHERE MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN ADEQUATE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSPORTATION.

1-Bureau  
2-New York  
1-Los Angeles  
1-Newark  
1-Laboratory

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September 16, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

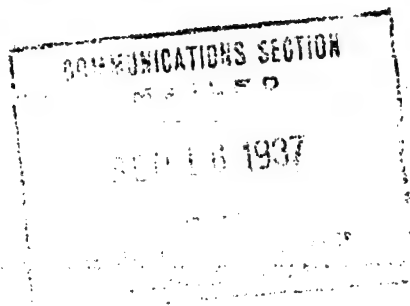
Re: Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan,  
Junior, President, General Motors  
Corporation, Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report #18923 , in connection with the  
above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the  
following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

9-2777-35 Q20, Q21 and Q23.

*CPC  
Q20 f Hn*



Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
607 U.S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, New York.

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September 8, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, Junior, President,  
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, Victim;  
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith letter dated August 30, 1937 beginning: "My Dear Sir: Sorrow attending my inability to get your cooperation" and ending "please wire me and you will never again be bothered. Sincerely, William David Benjamin, 233 West 47th St., Los Angeles, Cal."

This letter is being forwarded to the Bureau to be filed with other letters received by Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. from William David Benjamin.

Inasmuch as the tenor of this letter is similar to that of other letters written by Benjamin to Mr. Sloan, no laboratory examination is being requested with respect to this letter.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

1 enc.

cc Los Angeles  
cc Newark (9-85)

9-2777-35

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 18923

Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim;  
Extortion

Number: 9-2777-35

Specimens: 9-2777-35 Q20 First page of letter dated August 30, 1937 beginning  
"Sorrow attending my..."  
" Q21 Second sheet of above letter beginning "Will come again..."  
" Q22 Envelope postmarked Los Angeles, Calif. Arcade Annex  
14 Aug 31, 1937 11:30 AM.

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 9-11-37 ft am 11

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

cc-Los Angeles  
Newark

*Identical with specimens  
previously submitted in this case  
Q 7 through Q 19*  
Examination by: Major

*Q-20 thru Q 22*

*My Dear Sir  
Sorrow attending  
I am William Wood*



FJM:EG

August 25, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau August 19, 1937.

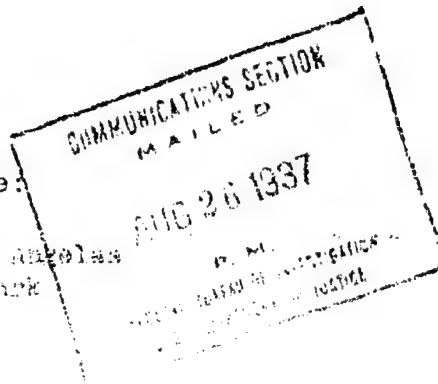
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure:

cc - Los Angeles  
Newark



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 18645

FJM:EG

Laboratory Report

August 24, 1937.

Case: Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan, Junior,  
President, General Motors Corporation, Victim;  
Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-32

Specimens: Q17. One page of letter which begins "When you saw fit".  
Q18. Second page of above letter which begins "Industrial revolution".  
Q19. One envelope addressed to victim and postmarked "Los Angeles,  
California, Arcade Annex, August 5, 1937, 5:30 P. M."

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 8/19/37

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination: Examination by: Major [unclear]

The conclusion has been reached that the submitted letter and the handwriting on the envelope designated as specimens 9-2777-32 Q17 through Q19, are in the handwriting of William David Benjamin, who as previously reported wrote the specimens 9-2777-24 Q7 through Q9 and 9-2777-27 Q10 through Q16, previously submitted in this case.

The letter designated as specimens 9-2777-32 Q17 and Q18, is written on two RCA Radiogram blanks with pen and ink and the envelope is an air mail envelope such as those sold at Post Offices throughout the country.

Photographic copies of the evidence are transmitted herewith.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFICATION AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING USED IN THE PROSECUTION OF THIS CASE. IF ANY OTHER EVIDENCE IS SUBMITTED TO THE LABORATORY, IT SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS SUCH AND THE RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE PROSECUTOR.

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August 26, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED F. SLOAN, Jr.;  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim;  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

WSM:ETA  
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August 16, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR.,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation, Victim -  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, a letter directed to Mr. Alfred Pritchard Sloan, Jr., signed by William David Benjamin of 223 West 47th Street, Los Angeles, California. This letter was postmarked at Los Angeles, California, August 5, 1937. It begins: "My Dear Mr. Sloan: When you saw fit to ignore the facts", and ends: "You will get the instructions he promises".

The tenor of this letter is similar to the other letters written to Mr. Sloan by Benjamin, in that it asks for a large sum of money for religious purposes.

Very truly yours,

A. WHITNEY  
Special Agent in Charge

Encl.  
cc: Los Angeles  
cc: Newark

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 18645

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: Unknown Subjects; (~~Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.~~)  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation, Victim;  
Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-32

Specimens: 9-2777-32 Q17 1 page letter which begins: "My Dear Mr. Sloan:  
When you saw fit to ignore the facts..."  
Q18 1 page letter (second page of above letter)  
which begins: "Industrial revolution and the good..."  
Q19 1 envelope addressed to victim, and postmarked  
"Los Angeles, California, Arcard Annex,  
August 8, 1937, 5:30 p.m."

Examination requested by: New York (8/16/37)

Date received: 8/19/37 MT 3:30 p.m.

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

*Concluded that Q17 thru Q19*  
Examination by: Major *A*  
*cc - Los Angeles by writer of specimens previously*  
*Newark designated Q7 thru Q16*

*Q17-18+19 - William David Benjamin*  
*Q7 thru Q16 - William David Benjamin*

*Q17 thru 19 - I I Los Angeles St angle*  
*Q7 thru Q16 - I Los Angeles St purgation*

*Q17 thru 19 - me*  
*Q7 thru Q16 - not*

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July 30, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan,  
Junior, President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim; Extortion.

*B* Dear Sir:

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With reference to Laboratory Report #18008, in connection with the  
above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the  
following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

9-2777-24 Q7 through Q9.

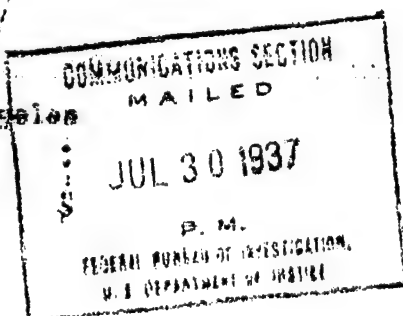
9-2777-27 Q10 through Q16.

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9-2777-31

cc-Los Angeles  
Newark



Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure # A-16571.

907 American Industrial Building  
Hartford, Connecticut

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July 27, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Newark, New Jersey

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR.,  
President, General Motors Corporation -  
VICTIM; KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 14, 1937 in which it was requested that the appropriate official at the factory of the Royal Typewriter Company, Hartford, Connecticut be contacted in an effort to determine how many machines manufactured by that Company are equipped with Royal Pica style type and obtain a list of the dealers in New Jersey to which such style equipped machines have been shipped.

Agent F. J. Mahan of this office contacted Mr. C. E. Cook, Vice President and Mr. E. D. Camp, Supervisor of the Royal Typewriter Company. Mr. Camp is in charge of all changes of type on Royal Typewriters and keeps very accurate records as to the machine number, changes in manufacture and such and he advised agent that the Pica style type has been supplied by the Royal Typewriter Company on their typewriters for about twenty years, but there has been no change in the Pica type on their machines since 1933 at which time the small letter "t" was changed so that the cross bar on the "t" extended more to the right than to the left, the down stroke of the "t" rather than the cross being equal on either side to the down stroke.

Mr. Camp advised that his records show that 90% of the production of Royal Typewriters are of the Pica style type and that since 1933, they have manufactured 400,000 of these machines.

Mr. Camp further advised that machine 1,425,700 was manufactured at their factory in 1930; that in 1930 they started with 1,425,000 and that machine 1,430,700 was produced in April, 1931. He stated that these numbered machines were produced was obtained in view of the fact that reference letter stated that

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the letters received by victim were probably written on a typewriter equipped with Royal Pica style type supplied subsequent to January, 1930 on machines having a serial number greater than 106,706.

Mr. Gump advised agent Shelton that the Prior Typewriter Exchange with headquarters at 7232 East Street, Trenton, New Jersey and who also have offices in New Brunswick, New Jersey, act as their dealers and distributors for the State of New Jersey; that all Royal Typewriters are shipped to or through them and that they in turn supply smaller dealers throughout the State of New Jersey.

It is believed that the Prior Typewriter Exchange keeps adequate records and your office may wish to contact that Company for further information in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. L. DALTON  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California  
July 20, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, Jr.,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim  
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter addressed to you by the New York office dated July 9, 1937, in the above entitled matter, copy of which has been furnished to this division, which requested that instant letter addressed to Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President, General Motors Corporation, requesting a loan of five million dollars, be appropriately examined by the Technical Laboratory.

In this respect, the attention of the Technical Laboratory is invited to the letters which have previously been submitted to the Laboratory for appropriate examination in the cases entitled:

WILLIAM DAVID BENJAMIN; HARRY WARNER, Victim - Extortion  
L.A. File 9-58  
WILLIAM DAVID BENJAMIN; MRS. POST HUTTON, Victim -  
Extortion - L.A. File 9-87  
WILLIAM DAVID BENJAMIN; DR. WILLIAM MAYO, Victim -  
Extortion - L.A. File 9-151  
WILLIAM DAVID BENJAMIN; GEORGE PEPPERDINE, Victim -  
Extortion - L.A. File 9-196.

It is requested that in all instances where the letters in the above entitled cases are written in long-hand, that the handwriting thereof be compared with the handwriting appearing in instant letter, and both the New York City office and the Los Angeles office be furnished a report of the examination.

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It is noted here, for the information of the New York office, that the WILLIAM DAVID BENJAMIN referred to in instant letter as residing at 233 West 47th Street, Los Angeles, California is obviously from the contents of the

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previous letters written by him a religious fanatic, and has on numerous occasions in the past addressed letters to prominent citizens throughout the United States, in every instance requesting the loan of large sums of money for the purpose of founding religious institutions of some kind.


Upon his having been interviewed by Agents of this Bureau in regard to some of the letters written, he freely admitted that he had in the past been confined in mental institutions, and it was apparent that he is suffering from a mental derangement.

In several of the cases mentioned above the facts were presented to an appropriate United States Attorney, who, in each instance, declined to authorize prosecutive action against Benjamin on the ground that there was apparently no violation of Title 18, Section 338-A, indicated in these communications.

Benjamin was, however, appropriately cautioned against using the United States Mails for purposes of this nature, and promised to refrain from writing more letters of this character. Since his having made this promise, those letters written by him which have been brought to the attention of the Bureau no longer are being signed by his own name but are found to contain the signature usually of some fictitious individual.

For the above reason, immediately upon receipt of the report of the examination made by the Technical Laboratory definitely indicating that Benjamin is the author of instant letter, it is my intention to have Benjamin re-interviewed and again cautioned against using the United States Mails for letters of this type.

Very truly yours,

  
J. H. HANSON, <sup>St</sup>  
Special Agent in Charge.

EFE:T  
cc New York

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File  
9-2777

July 21, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects; Alfred P.  
Eloam, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation -  
Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

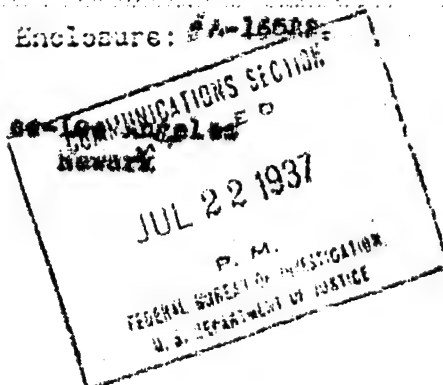
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau July 14, 1937 and July 15, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #A-16502



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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# 18008

Laboratory Report

July 21, 1937.

Case: Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan, Junior,  
President, General Motors Corporation -  
Victim; Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-24  
9-2777-27

Specimens: (See attached sheet)

Examination requested by: New York

Date received:

July 14, 1937 and July 16, 1937

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Lovett

It has been concluded that the individual who wrote the above-designated specimens did not write the questioned material previously received in connection with the instant case.

The conclusion has been reached that the writer of the above letters is William David Benjamin, who is the writer of the letters in the cases entitled, William D. Benjamin, Doctor William Mayo, Victim, Extortion, Bureau File 9-701; William D. Benjamin, Mrs. Post Hutton, Victim, Extortion, Bureau File 9-701; and William David Benjamin, George Pepperdine, Victim, Extortion, Bureau File 9-2911. The Los Angeles Field Division is the office of origin for these cases.

Photographic copies of the evidence submitted will be forwarded to the Newark and Los Angeles Field Divisions, as well as to your Field Division, within the next several days.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE BUREAU SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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2-New York

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1-Newark

4-Bureau (1 - 9-2777; 2 - 9-701; 1 - 9-2911)

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9-701-24  
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- Specimens: 9-2777-24 Q7 One-page letter beginning "My Dear Sloan -  
worldly differences are unknown here\*\*\*".
- " Q8 Second page of above letter beginning "the  
loan at once\*\*\*".
- " Q9 One Air Mail envelope postmarked "Los Angeles,  
California, Arcade Annex, June 30, 1937, 8 P. M.".
- " 27 Q10 One sheet written in ink and reads, "After four  
days of\*\*\*".
- " Q11 One sheet written in ink and reads, "And upon  
the above\*\*\*".
- " Q12 One envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, California,  
Arcade Annex, July 3, 1937, 6:30 P. M." via Air Mail.
- " Q13 One sheet written in ink and reads, "This morning  
with\*\*\*".
- " Q14 One sheet written in ink and reads, "his cooperation  
because\*\*\*".
- " Q15 One envelope postmarked "Los Angeles, California,  
Arcade Annex, 14, July 3, 1937, 8:30 P. M.".
- " Q16 One photograph postmarked "Oero-----, California,  
July 2, 1937, 7:30 A. M.".

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
936 Raymond-Commerce Bldg.  
Newark New Jersey

July 14, 1937

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION TECHNICAL LABORATORY:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLCAN, JR.,  
President, General Motors Corporation -  
VICTIM; EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau telegram of May 28, 1937, confirmed by subsequent Laboratory Report, advising that it would be necessary to remove the newspaper clippings from the sheet used as the initial extortion letter before their source could be determined as to the date, edition and page of newspapers submitted for comparison.

Please be advised that it is not believed at this time that such examination is advisable. Should such examination be later desired, the Laboratory will be so advised.

Very truly yours,

*W. S. Devereaux*

W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau

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*Noted  
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936 Raymond-Commerce Bldg.  
Newark New Jersey

July 14, 1937

Special Agent in Charge  
Hartford, Conn.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR.,  
President, General Motors Corporation -  
VICTIM; EXTORTION.

The Technical Laboratory of the Bureau has advised that micrographed typewritten words found in connection with extortion letters received by Victim were probably written on a typewriter equipped with Royal Pica style type, which style was supplied by the Royal Typewriter Company on their typewriters subsequent to January, 1930, on machines having a serial number greater than 486,706.

It is requested that the Hartford Office contact the appropriate official at the factory of the Royal Typewriter Company at Hartford, in an effort to determine how many machines manufactured by this Company are equipped with this style type, and that if same can be done, a list of the dealers in New Jersey to whom such style equipped machines have been shipped should be obtained.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Bureau ✓

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U. S. Department of Justice

607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

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July 13, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Att: Technical Laboratory

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
O GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION - VICTIM.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith two original letters, with envelopes, received by Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., at his residence at Great Neck, Long Island, to be filed in the Bureau's letter file.

The first letter, dated at Los Angeles, California, July 3, 1937, begins, "My Dear Mr. Sloan: After four days of fasting..." and ends, "Awaiting your momentuous decision and Great Help, I am, William David Benjamin."

The second letter addressed to Alfred Pritchard Sloan, Jr., dated July 6, 1937, begins, "My Dear Mr. Sloan, This morning with complete failure..." and ends, "Wire me and I will cable the Vatican of my failure. Very Sincerely, William David Benjamin."

Two copies of the above mentioned letters are being sent to the Newark and Los Angeles Divisions with their copies of this letter.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. Whitley,

Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Newark

(4 encls.)

cc Los Angeles

(4 encls.)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

15008  
# 15008

Laboratory Report

Case: ~~UNKNOWN SUBJECT~~  
ALFRED P. BROWN, JR., President,  
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION - VICTIM,  
EXTORTION.

Number: 9-2777-27

Specimens:

- 9-2777-27 Q 10 One sheet written in ink and reads: "After four days of ---"  
" Q 11 One sheet written in ink and reads: "And when the above ---"  
" Q 12 One envelope postmarked Los Angeles, Calif. Arcade Annex  
Jul 3 6:30 PM 1937. VIA AIR MAIL.  
" Q 13 One sheet written in ink and reads: "This morning with ---"  
" Q 14 One sheet written in ink and reads: "His cooperation because---"  
" Q 15 One envelope postmarked Los Angeles, Calif. Arcade Annex 14  
Jul 6 1937 6:30 PM.

Examination requested by:   
New York

Date received: 7-16-37 (4:30 PM hr) (~~7-17-37 12:00 Noon ship~~)

Examination requested: ~~Deceased Subject~~ 7/20

Result of examination:

Examination by: ~~148847~~ AE

9-2777-27 Q 16 One photograph postmarked Caro--- Calif Jul 3 1937 7:50 AM.

cc-Bureau  
cc-Los Angeles

Compare with William B. Benjamin.  
Dr. William Mayo - Victim  
Extortion  
9-701

D has a I E & you

at Benjamin  
Pending case  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**

FILE NO. **9-95 ML**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK, NEW JERSEY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/9/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/14-19, 24, 25, 26/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L. G. HEALEY</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President, GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Advertisement placed in May 15th issue of the New Brunswick, New Jersey Daily Home News on Page 7 and also in the "Personals" Section in accordance with request contained in initial extortion letter. Surveillance maintained at New Brunswick, N. J. post office with permission of New Brunswick Postmaster by Bureau Agents in effort to ascertain identity of Subject should further letters be mailed at that place. Arrangements made with post office carriers and collectors in effort to ascertain section of city in which further letters would be mailed. No further letters received in instant case.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau teletypes, May 13 and 14, 1937;  
Bureau letter, May 18, 1937; report of  
Special Agent W. D. Fay, Newark, N. J.  
May 19, 1937; Bureau letter, May 20, 1937.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *W. S. Harrison*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

**JUL 13 1937**

**COPIES OF THIS REPORT**

- 3 - Bureau (1 enc.)
- 1 - New York Information
- 1 - U. S. Atty., Newark
- 1 - Newark

**DETAILS:**

Reference teletype of May 13, 1937 and reference Bureau letter of May 18, 1937 advised that with reference to the initial extortion letter received in this case, one latent print was developed on this letter and one latent print was developed on the accompanying envelope. The latent print developed on this envelope was eliminated from further consideration in this case as it was identical with the right thumb impression of Wahlon H. Dunn, Plant Protection Manager of the Linden Division of General Motors Corporation. The latent fingerprint developed on the letter remains unidentified after comparison with the fingerprints of several persons who handled this letter. Reference letter advised that this print contains sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and search through the Bureau's single fingerprint file.

With reference to the fingerprint examination of letter #2, reference teletype of May 13 and Bureau letter of May 18 advised that three latent prints were developed on this letter and one latent impression was developed on the accompanying envelope.

Reference letter of May 18, 1937 advised that same have been unidentified after comparison with prints previously submitted for elimination purposes.

Reference Bureau teletype of May 14 and Bureau letter of May 18, 1937 advised that with reference to the fingerprint examination of letter #3, one latent print was developed upon the letter. No fingerprints of value could be developed on the accompanying envelope. This print, developed upon the above letter, was eliminated from further consideration as having been made by the left index finger of Walter C. Haslam, Mail Clerk.

With reference to the document examination conducted by the laboratory, reference Bureau teletype of May 13 and 14 and Bureau letter of May 20, 1937, transmitting the laboratory report in the instant case, advised that the initial extortion letter, designated as specimen Q1, which was brown kraft wrapping or bag paper, had a wove texture, but no identifying marks. The accompanying envelope, designated as specimen Q2, was plain white paper and measured 4 1/2" by 7 1/2" and contained no watermark. This envelope had been sealed and opened prior to receipt and then re-sealed with a strip of brown paper, probably from the flap of a large business envelope. This flap bears a portion of a printed letter in red ink.

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The Bureau further advised that it has not been possible to ascertain the date of the postmark on the initial extortion letter and further advised that the handwriting on the second and third letters was identical.

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identified as having come from the Star Eagle of Newark, New Jersey.

In accordance with laboratory suggestion, there were forwarded to the laboratory on May 18, 1937, copies of the following designated newspapers representative of the New Brunswick, New Jersey community:

New York Daily News  
New York Times  
New York Herald Tribune  
New York Journal  
New York Post  
New York Sun  
New York World Telegram  
New York Daily Mirror  
New York American  
Philadelphia Evening Bulletin  
Philadelphia Record  
Brooklyn Daily Eagle  
Trenton State Gazette

In addition, there were also transmitted copies of the New Brunswick Daily Home News, Newark Star Eagle and Newark Evening News from May 1 to May 13, 1937 inclusive. Sunday editions of May 2 and May 9 were not included, however, copies of the New Brunswick Sunday Times for May 2 and May 9 were transmitted.

On May 13, 1937, Mr. James D. Carpenter, attorney representing the General Motors Corporation, Linden, New Jersey, called at the Newark Division and was furnished with the facts in instant case, by Special Agent John A. Murphy, having been advised of the receipt of such letters by W. S. Roberts, General Manager of the Linden division. Mr. Carpenter's office is located at 75 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, telephone Bergen 4-2330. Mr. Carpenter resides at 43 Glenwood Road, Upper Montclair, New Jersey, telephone Montclair 2-6706.

With reference to the possibility of Subject's attempting to contact Victim Sloan at either the New York office of the General Motors Corporation or at his residence, Mr. Carpenter advised that he would get in touch with Mr. Henry Hogan, of the Legal Department of the General Motors Corporation in New York City, and make an appointment with an Agent of the New York office in order that appropriate arrangements could be made to cover such possibility.



On May 14, 1937, Special Agent John A. Murphy, of the Newark Division, contacted Assistant Special Agent in Charge T. Donegan, of the New York Field Division, regarding instant case and requested that appropriate arrangements be made.

Mr. Carpenter advised that he would personally handle the insertion of the advertisement in the New Brunswick Daily Home News in accordance with the request contained in the original extortion letter. It was believed advisable to insert this advertisement both on Page 7, as requested, and also in the "Personals" section of the newspaper. Such advertisement appeared on Page 7 in the "Personals" section in the May 15 issue of the New Brunswick Daily Home News, and a copy of the same is being transmitted to the Bureau with copies of this report.

On May 14, 1937 the writer ascertained from Mahlon H. Dunn, Plant Protection Manager of the Linden Division that this division had six trunk telephones, none of which were listed in the present telephone directory. These numbers were designated as follows:

Linden 2-4321	Plant Protection Department--Dunn
" 2-4322	Traffic Department--Shaw
" 2-4323	Accounting Department--Smith
" 2-4324	Power House
" 2-4325	Employment Department--Chisholm
" 2-4326	Production Department--Roberts

Mr. Dunn advised that the switchboard was a single position board and a person calling Information would be given Linden 2-4321. It was further ascertained that an operator was not present after noon on Saturdays and that a person calling after noon Saturday, May 15, 1937, would be given the above number, and arrangements were made whereby any telephone calls for Mr. Sloan on Saturday morning would be handled by W. J. Smith, Comptroller of the Linden Division, and over Saturday afternoon and Sunday an employee of the Plant Protection Department, who would be on duty, was requested to advise a party making such call to call Mr. Sloan during business hours, 9:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Arrangements were also made whereby the Newark Division would be notified if any such calls were made during these times.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, Special Agent F. B. Caldwell was present in the office of Comptroller Smith during business hours

at the Linden Division to handle any such calls and a similar surveillance was maintained by Special Agent W. R. Taylor on May 18, 1937.

Regarding the possibility of Special Delivery letters being sent to the Linden Division, arrangements were made with postmaster H. J. Schulhafer, Linden, New Jersey, whereby the Newark Division would be immediately notified in the event of such a letter.

In view of the fact that the three letters received in instant case had all been postmarked "New Brunswick, New Jersey", an effort was made to determine the post office box at which a future letter might be dropped. Postmaster Edward J. Gleason, of New Brunswick, N. J. was contacted by Special Agent John A. Murphy, and permission secured for Agents to maintain a surveillance of the post office during business hours. Accordingly, Special Agents (A) B. Stern and the writer proceeded to New Brunswick on Saturday, May 15, 1937 and there it was ascertained that there is one mail drop in the post office lobby. Surveillance was maintained from behind the post office drop in the lobby in an effort to determine the identity of Subject, should a future letter be dropped at the post office. Such surveillance was maintained during post office hours from 8:00 a. m. to 11:00 p. m. by the above Agents and Special Agents (A) G. E. Erwin and S. T. Carter, until May 19, at which time it was considered no longer practical to do so.

On Saturday afternoon and Sunday, W. J. Smith, Comptroller of the Linden division, who was authorized to open General Motors' mail, made himself available should a letter be dropped at the post office or collected by the carriers.

With reference to the mailing of a letter in other post office boxes in the New Brunswick area, postmaster Gleason advised that on Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16, post office clerks Munbar, Coffey, Flanagan and Moran would make regular collections from the various postal drops. Mr. Gleason advised that these men were employed by the post office and in connection a conference took place in Mr. Gleason's office between the above carriers and Special Agent (A) J. A. Murphy. The carriers were advised of the investigation and were instructed to remain alert for any mail drops and they were instructed to report any mail drops to the post office and to the Special Agent (A) J. A. Murphy.



Should such be noted, they were instructed to handle same very carefully, make a note of the box from which it was taken, and immediately advise the postmaster.

It was further ascertained that on regular business days the regular carriers, upon their return from deliveries, would make collections from various boxes on their return to the post office. Through postmaster Gleason and Superintendent of Mails Peter Vvliet, arrangements were made whereby the carriers would dump their collections in individual piles, place their number on this pile and thereafter such mail was checked for a similar letter. Such was done without disclosing the nature and purpose of same.

On May 17, 1937, postmaster Gleason advised Special Agent in Charge W. S. Devereaux, of the Newark Field Division, that he could no longer permit Bureau Agents to maintain surveillance from behind the post office enclosure since such was in violation of postal regulations. Thereafter, surveillance was maintained from the post office lobby and arrangements were made whereby the mail drop was collected every fifteen minutes. In this way, it was believed that should a letter be dropped there, the suspects would necessarily be limited to those that had mailed such letters within that interval.

The surveillance above-outlined was made without success and no future letters or telephone calls have been received.

On Saturday, May 15, when Agents began surveillance at the New Brunswick post office, there was noted an envelope written in pencil and addressed to the General Motors Corporation, Linden Division, New Jersey. In view of the apparent similarity in handwriting, W. A. Smith, Comptroller of the Linden Division, at the request of Special Agent (A) B. Stern, opened instant letter at the New Brunswick post office where it was ascertained that such envelope contained a request for an employment application sent by Joseph Paul, R. F. D. #3, Box 93, New Brunswick, New Jersey. This letter was turned over to Agents for examination in view of the apparent similarity in handwriting, and on Monday, May 17, at the request of Special Agent (A) W. B. Caldwell, who was present at the Linden Division during the day, Joseph Paul was sent a telegram, over the signature of A. C. Chisholm, Employment Manager of the Linden Division requesting that he call for an employment interview. In response to same, Joseph Paul appeared at Mr. Chisholm's office and was interviewed by Mr. Chisholm in the presence of Agent Caldwell. Joseph Paul stated that he was a native born American, born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and was a resident of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

personally an application for employment with the Linden division. This application was carefully chosen for Joseph Paul's interview and apparently was handled only by the applicant. These three specimens were transmitted to the chemical laboratory on May 24, 1937 for document and fingerprint examination.

In a memorandum submitted by Special Agent (A) F. B. Caldwell, it appears that applicant Paul did not appear suspicious in any way and was apparently a hard-working individual. His description, as secured by Agent Caldwell, is being noted herein:

Name	Joseph Louis Paul
Age	20 (born Jan 5, 1917)
Height	5'11"
Weight	185
Build	Medium
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Bluish green
Complexion	Fair
Residence	R. F. D. #3, Box 93, New Brunswick, New Jersey.
Occupation	Machine operator
Marital Status	Single
Place of birth	Linden, Indiana
Nationality	Hungarian descent
Previous employment	Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, N.J. as card machine operator.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937 a middle-aged man, of foreign extraction, appeared loitering for a short time in the lobby of the New Brunswick post office. This individual was tailed by the writer a distance of about 2 miles to Al's Grill on Somerset Street, New Brunswick. His description is being inserted herein for possible future use, although the individual appeared to have no connection with the instant case:

Age	About 55
Height	5'7"
Weight	145-155
Build	Lean, thin, slight, well built, average

This individual appeared to be well known in the vicinity of Al's Grill, which is situated in the midst of a respectable, poorer, residential section of New Brunswick which was later ascertained to be populated by Hungarians.

The Laboratory, being unable to locate the fingerprint impressions of William S. Roberts, same were taken and transmitted to the attention of the technical laboratory for elimination purposes and the laboratory was requested to forward to the Newark division two photographic copies of the two pieces of mimeographed paper which bear the typewritten mimeographed words in the Hungarian language.

W. S. Roberts, General Manager of the Linden Division, advised the writer that so far as he knew, there has been no trouble of any kind in connection with the establishment of this plant at Linden and would furnish no suspects in this case.

The writer contacted A. C. Chisholm, Personnel Manager of the Linden division. Mr. Chisholm was questioned as to any trouble that he might have had in connection with the employment and discharge of any employee, but he definitely stated that apparently there were no disgruntled applicants or employees.

With reference to a comparison of extortion letters with applications on file for employment in the Linden division, Mr. Chisholm advised that there were approximately 45,000 applications on file in his office; all applications received prior to January 1, 1937 have been destroyed. It appears that these applications are filed according to job classifications and not alphabetically or geographically. There is no alphabetical index except for those presently or previously employed. At the present time, there are 2,100 employees in this plant and a separate file contains the names of 250 ex-employees who have either been discharged or have resigned. Mr. Chisholm stated that he would be glad to cooperate with Bureau Agents in conducting handwriting examinations of these applicants.

Postmaster Gleason at New Brunswick was contacted relative to any complaints he might have received regarding other civil letters, however, he stated that there have been none called his attention, he having been postmaster for the past three years.

Personal Finance Company  
Capitol Finance Company  
E. R. Squibbs & Sons  
Zonite Sales Company

Very few sales of these stamps are made over the counters. Postmaster Gleason further stated that practically 40% of the population of New Brunswick was Hungarian, mostly residing in the fourth, fifth and sixth wards.

Below is set out a list of printing shops in the New Brunswick vicinity which do foreign printing:

~~X~~ Meeker Mimeograph Company, New Brunswick, New Jersey  
~~X~~ Walrus Press, 180 Easton Avenue  
~~X~~ Magyar Hirlop Publishing Company, 42 Albany Street  
O. K. Printing Service, 97 Harvey Street  
E. Ruben, 283 Burnett Street  
Ben Boras, 321 Raritan Avenue

The above are being set out for possible future use.

Postmaster Gleason further stated that he had requested the collectors to be on the look-out for future letters.

The writer contacted Chief of Police Cox of New Brunswick and Chief of County Detectives Charles Collins for possible suspects without disclosing the nature of this case.

Below are set out the names and police department numbers of residents of the New Brunswick area submitted by the above officers as extortion suspects:

Edmond Krauli, 34 Laurel Place, New Brunswick, N. J.  
New Brunswick Police Department #388  
Phone, 1-445

The laboratory is being requested to make a comparison of the latent prints developed in instant case of the fingerprints of the foregoing individuals.

Regarding the initials "PJA" which appear on the typewritten mimeographed paper referred to in the laboratory report, the writer checked the New Brunswick City and Telephone Directories for any listing with such initials, however, none such was found. The latest New Brunswick Directories published are for the years 1932 and 1933.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

##### THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION, AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

will again contact postmaster Edward Gleason. Mr. Gleason is well known in the New Brunswick vicinity and can possibly furnish the name of a reputable Hungarian resident who might possibly assist in any investigation involving Hungarian printing shops and Hungarian residents.

##### AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

Will discreetly check the printing shops referred to in the body of this report in an effort to ascertain the source of the typewritten mimeographed Hungarian words referred to in the laboratory report. Particular attention is invited to the initials "PJA" which might possibly be the initials of the party making any such mimeograph paper.

##### AT LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

will contact Chief of Police Frank Hickey, who called the Newark division by telephone during the surveillance maintained at New Brunswick and advised that he had heard from officials of the Linden division as to the receipt of a threatening letter and professed a desire to cooperate should any assistance be needed. It should be ascertained whether similar complaints have been received by Chief Hickey and if possible, copies of these letters should be forwarded to the laboratory for examination.

Will contact Postmaster Schulhafer with the same purpose in mind.

Will compare the handwriting appearing on instant extortion letters with the applications on file with Mr. Chisholm, Employment Manager of the Linden division, particularly with the applications of discharged employees. Those applications being similar in handwriting should be transmitted to the technical laboratory for further comparison.

AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY AT THE STATE PRISON  
will secure a list of recent releases from that institution who reside in the New Brunswick area and request the laboratory to compare the fingerprints with the prints developed on instant extortion letters.

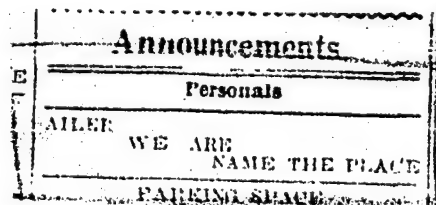
AT RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY  
Will secure a similar list from the Rahway Reformatory.

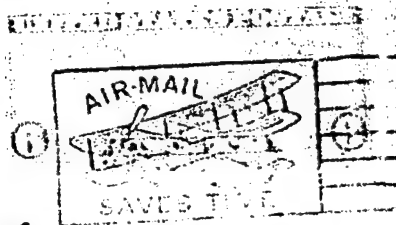
AT ANANDALE, NEW JERSEY  
will secure a similar list from the Anandale Reformatory.

AT PATERSON, NEW JERSEY  
Upon receipt of photographic copies of the unidentified latent fingerprints developed in instant case, will contact Pat Feenan, of the Identification Unit of the Paterson Police Department requesting that such unidentified prints be searched through the single fingerprint file of his Bureau and that a copy of same be placed therein.

- PENDING -

THE Daily Home News, New Brunswick, N.J.  
Saturday, May 15, 1937





Mr. Alfred Pritchard Sloan Jr.  
Great Neck,  
Long Island,  
New York.



Personal.



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
936 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

July 9, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED  
P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation -  
VICTIM; EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, dated at Newark, New Jersey, July 9, 1937, and it will be noted that a copy of such report was designated for the United States Attorney, Trenton, New Jersey.

Please be advised that the United States Attorney's copy of such report is being retained in the Newark Field Division for the time being.

Very truly yours,

*W. S. Devereaux*  
W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

WSM:EL  
9-326

July 9, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
ALFRED P. OSLOAN, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim.  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a letter addressed to Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., Great Neck, Long Island, signed Frank Arthur Vanderlip and mailed from Los Angeles, California, asking for a loan of \$5,000,000, together with the envelope in which it was enclosed.

This letter was forwarded to the New York office by Mr. E. M. Hogan, Mr. Sloan's representative.

Photostatic copies of this letter are being transmitted to the Newark and Los Angeles Offices of the Bureau. Newark is the division of origin in the above-entitled case.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Newark (enc.2)  
Los Angeles (enc.1)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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807 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

WSM:EL  
9-828

July 3, 1937

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim.  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a letter addressed to Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., Great Neck, Long Island, signed Frank Arthur Vanderlip and mailed from Los Angeles, California, asking for a loan of \$5,000,000, together with the envelope in which it was enclosed.

This letter was forwarded to the New York office by Mr. H. M. Hogan, Mr. Sloan's representative.

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Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc:Newark (enc.2)  
Los Angeles (enc.1)

9-2777-24

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WSM:EL  
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607 U. S. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

July 7, 1937

Mr. H. M. Hogan,  
General Motors Corporation,  
Broadway at 57th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 2, 1937, enclosing a letter which was addressed to Mr. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., or Irene Sloan, at Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y., signed Frank Vanderlip, and mailed from Los Angeles, Cal., asking for a loan of \$5,000,000.

This letter is being sent to our Technical Laboratory at Washington, D. C., for examination, and a copy thereof is also being sent to our Los Angeles Office for its information.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau  
Los Angeles

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9-2772-23X
JUL 8 1937 P.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 17934

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.,  
President, General Motors Corporation -  
Victim; Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-24

Specimens: 9-2777-24 Q7 1 page letter beginning: "My Dear Sloan -  
Worldly differences are unknown here..."  
Q8 Second page of above letter beginning: "the  
loan at once..."  
Q9 1 Air mail envelope postmarked "Los Angeles,  
California, Arcard Annex, June 30, 1937,  
8 P. M."

Examination requested by: New York (7/9/37)

Date received: 7/14/37 MT 2 p.m.

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

cc - Newark  
Los Angeles

Examination by: Pickering As

Compare with 9-701 file.

*Not the same as previous letters  
in 9-2777*

*9-2777-24 D R G & L of you Los Angeles*

*9-2777-24 D R G & L of you Los Angeles*

*Same for  
9-701 Benjamin*

9-2777-24

Handwriting Comparison.

Q 3. no to this ~~for~~ pay of

Q 7 now to this pay of My De-  
Mr.

9-701

My for part this loan Dear

9-2911

My Dear plans this of fa-

and Q 7 - not ident with previous writing, on case  
ident with Benjamin in cases 9-701 & 9-2911

July 21, 1937.

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ORDERED

Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.,  
President General Motors Corporation,  
Victim: EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

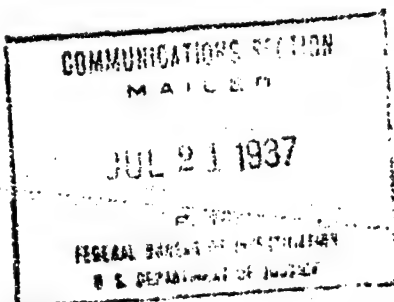
Reference is made to your letter of July 2, 1937, naming three individuals as suspects in connection with the above-entitled case.

The latent fingerprints previously developed in connection with this case have been compared with the fingerprints of Paul Legosa, #FBI-540627, #--, Police Department, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Gus Minka, #FBI-586526, #1729, State Reformatory, Annandale, New Jersey, who are possibly identical with two of the individuals named in your letter, but no identification has been effected.

No record could be located for Edmond Kraull.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 4633

Single Fingerprint Report

Case UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;

Number: 9-2777-23

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President General Motors  
Corporation - Victim.  
Extortion.

Specimens: Request contained in letter dated July 2, 1937 that the  
fingerprints of Edmond Kraull, #355 PD New Brunswick, N.J.,  
Paul Legoza, #367 PD New Brunswick, N. J., and Gus Minka,  
#407 PD New Brunswick, N. J., be compared with latents  
previously developed in this case.

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: 7-7-37 (mch - 2:00 PM)

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: *[Signature]*

*Copy of C.L. to C.9.7/2*

*7-12-37 - To Tech. for prints. (Received same)*

*7-13-37 - Sent for file*

*7-14-37 - Received prints for Tech. for  
Minka and Legoza.*

*Sent to card index for removal for  
Kraull.*

*Received packages. No file.*

*Sent for file*

*7-15-37 - To Tech. for prints*

*7-16-37 - Received for file*

*7-19-37 - Received file*

*Compared latents previously developed  
with prints of following: Minka, Legoza, Kraull*



936 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

July 2, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED F. SLOAN, JR.,  
President, GENERAL  
MOTORS CORPORATION - VICTIM.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

There are set out below the names, addresses and fingerprint numbers of suspects in instant case. It is requested that their fingerprints be compared with the latent prints developed on instant extortion letters:

Edmond Kraull, 34 Laurel Place, New Brunswick, N. J.  
New Brunswick Police Department #355  
Rahway, New Jersey Reformatory #14589

Paul Legosa, 9 Lorain Street, New Brunswick, N. J.  
New Brunswick Police Department #567

Gus Minka, Highland Avenue, Franklin Township, N. J.  
New Brunswick Police Department #407  
Annandale Reformatory #1720.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

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Newark, New Jersey.

July 2, 1937.

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Paul Legoza, 9 Lorain Street, New Brunswick, N. J.  
New Brunswick Police Department #367

Gus Winka, Highland Avenue, Franklin Township, N. J.  
New Brunswick Police Department #407  
Annandale Reformatory #1729.

RECORDED & INDEXED Very truly yours,

W. S. Devereaux  
W. S. DEVEREAUX  
Special Agent in Charge.

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9-85  
CC - Bureau

COPY DETACHED IN S. E. P. D.  
Letter dated 7-10-37

FAL:ENG

June 11, 1937

9-2777 ~~7~~

Mr. W. S. Devereaux,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
936 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Company - Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report #16803 and #16998,  
dated June 4, 1937, in connection with the above-  
entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your  
office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following  
specimens. appropriate copies of the same having been  
made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

One application blank constituting a portion  
of the specimens designated as 9-2777-15: K49.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
RECORDED

John Edgar Hoover  
Director.

9-2777-22

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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Enclosure # 1015514  
JUN 11 1937  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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9-2777-21  
~~9-2777-21~~

June 4, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Company - Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau May 20 and May 27, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #1015102

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION MAILED JUN - 4 1937 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

16803

016998

Laboratory Report

June 4, 1937

Case: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Company - Victim; Extortion.

Number:

9-2777-10

9-2777-15

Specimens:  
9-2777-10: K1 through K48. Newspapers submitted.  
9-2777-15: K49. One sheet, one application and one envelope postmarked  
"New Brunswick, New Jersey, 2, May 15, 1937, 2:30 P.M.", in  
the known handwriting of Joseph Paul.

One Western Union telegram for chemical development of latent  
prints.

RECORDED & INDEXED

Examination requested by:

Newark

Date received:

5-20-37 and 5-27-37

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Lovett

This report is in confirmation of the Bureau's teletype of May 26, 1937.

From a comparison of the present specimens, the conclusion has been reached  
that Joseph Paul whose handwriting specimens are designated as K49 did not  
write the script extortion letters previously received in the instant case.

It is believed that there is no additional information available in the  
Laboratory regarding the manufacturer or the retail dealer in the Kraft paper  
and business envelope flap which would be of assistance in tracing their origin.

The mimeographed typewritten words in the Hungarian language were probably  
written on a typewriter equipped with Royal Pica style type. This conclusion  
is based on an examination of only a portion of the complete keyboard, thus,  
the conclusion can be considered only tentative. Royal Pica style type was  
supplied by the Royal Typewriter Company on their Standard typewriter subsequent  
to January, 1936 on machines having a serial number greater than 486706. In  
addition, it is noted that the typewriter which wrote these words was equipped  
with a keyboard containing an acute accent mark for use with foreign words.

With regard to the combination of the source of the words and letters used  
for the first extortion note composed of newspaper clippings, it will be  
necessary to remove the cut out newspaper letters from the sheets on which  
they are pasted before their source can be determined as to date, edition and page.  
Your advice is requested before this analysis is undertaken.

In accordance with your request, photographic copies of the business  
envelope flap and the pieces of mimeographed paper bearing the mimeographed  
words are being forwarded herewith.

Page 2,  
Laboratory Report #16803 and #16998,  
June 4, 1937.

A report on the fingerprint examination has been submitted  
separately.

In accordance with your request, the application blank constituting  
a portion of the specimens designated as K49 will be returned to your  
office within the next seven days.

2-Bureau (1 for file #9-2770)

3-Memphis

2-Laboratory (1 for file #9-2770)

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

EAT:MC

May 27, 1937.

Time: 9:12 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Sloan Extortion Case

*at Newark*  
SAC W. S. Devereaux called me and stated that Mr. Roberts, General Manager of the Sloan Plant had called him and advised they are having a public dedication of their new plant at Linden, New Jersey, and in connection therewith Mr. Sloan, as well as Governor Hoffman, would be there. Mr. Roberts desired to know, if in view of the extortion notes in the above case, the Bureau could furnish an armed guard.

Mr. Devereaux stated he had informed Mr. Roberts this would be impossible explaining his reasons therefor. He stated Mr. Roberts appeared quite satisfied, as protection would be afforded by the plant guard, as well as the Linden police.

I advised him the appropriate action had been taken in this matter.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. TAMM.

7-2717-20  
JUN 2 1937  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



RAL:MT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 28, 1937.

9-2777-23

9-2777-23

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE,  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

ALFRED P. SLOAN, JUNIOR, VICTIM - EXTORTION. YOUR LETTERS MAY EIGHTEEN  
AND TWENTY-FOUR. HANDWRITING OF JOSEPH PAUL NOT IDENTICAL WITH THAT  
ON SCRIPT LETTERS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED IN INSTANT CASE. NO ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN LABORATORY OF ASSISTANCE IN TRACING KRAFT  
PAPER OR BUSINESS ENVELOPE FLAP. MIMEOGRAPHED TYPEWRITTEN WORDS  
PROBABLY WRITTEN ON TYPEWRITER EQUIPPED WITH ROYAL PICA STYLE TYPE.  
THIS STYLE WAS SUPPLIED BY ROYAL TYPEWRITER COMPANY ON THEIR TYPEWRITERS  
SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY NINETEEN THIRTY ON MACHINES HAVING SERIAL NUMBER  
GREATER THAN FOUR EIGHT SIX SEVEN NAUGHT SIX. WILL BE NECESSARY TO  
REMOVE OUT OUT NEWSPAPER LETTERS AND WORDS FROM SHEET USED FOR EXTORTION  
LETTER IN INSTANT AND SAMUEL D. WALKER, VICTIM - EXTORTION CASE  
BEFORE THEIR SOURCE CAN BE DETERMINED AS TO DATE EDITION AND PAGE.

ADVISE IF YOU DESIRE THIS.

HOOVER.

9-2777-19

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W S DEVEREAUX

FBI JUSTICE

936 RAYMOND COMMERCE

NEWARK NEW JERSEY

ALFRED P SLOAN JUNIOR VICTIM EXTORTION STOP YOUR LETTERS MAY  
EIGHTEEN AND TWENTYFOUR STOP HANDWRITING OF JOSEPH PAUL NOT  
IDENTICAL WITH THAT ON SCRIPT LETTERS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED IN  
INSTANT CASE STOP NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN LABORATORY  
OF ASSISTANCE IN TRACING KRAFT PAPER OR BUSINESS ENVELOPE FLPXXX  
FLAP STOP MIMEOGRAPHED TYPEWRITTEN WORDS PROBABLY WRITEXXX WRITTEN  
ON TYPEWRITER EQUIPPED WITH ROYAL PICA STYLE TYPE STOP THIS STYLE  
WAS SUPPLIED BY TR XXX ROYAL TYPEWRITER COMPANY ON THEIR  
TYPEWRITERS SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY NINETEEN THIRTY ON MACHINES  
HAVING SERIAL NUMBER GREATER THAN FOUR EIGHT SIX SEVEN NAUGHT SIX  
WILL BE NECESSARY TO REMOVE OUT NEWSPAPER LETTERS AND WORDS  
FROM SHEET USED FOR EXTORTION LETTER IN INSTANT AND SAMUEL D  
WALKER VICTIM EXTORTION CASE BEFORE THEIR SOURCE CAN BE DETERMINED  
AS TO DATE EDITION AND PAGE STOP ADVISE IF YOU DESIRE THIS

HOOVER

ATP:ANK

June 2, 1937

RECORDED

9-2777 -13

Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation -  
Victim; Extortion.

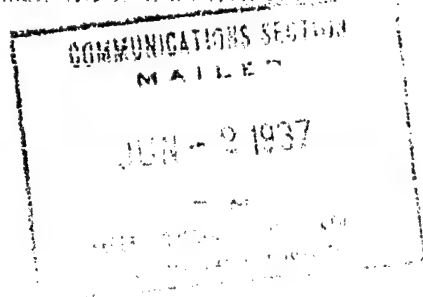
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 25, 1937 transmitting the fingerprints of William S. Roberts, for elimination purposes, in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #9-85.

Please be advised that the finger impressions of the above-named individual have been compared with the latent prints previously developed in connection with the instant case but no identification was effected.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 4011

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED F. SLOAN, JR., Pres.,  
General Motor Corporation -  
Victim. Extortion.

Number: 9-2777-18

Specimens:

Submitted the fingerprint card of William S. Roberts, for  
elimination purposes.

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: chp 5-28-37 10:00 A.M.

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Potter

*Compared with latents previously  
developed on extortion letters - no ident*

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

936 Raymond-Commerce Building  
Newark, New Jersey

May 25, 1937.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., Pres.,  
General Motors Corporation -  
VICTIM. Extortion.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the fingerprint impressions of William S. Roberts, General Manager of the Linden Division of the General Motors Corporation, for elimination purposes.

It is requested that these prints be placed in the Civil Fingerprint file.

Very truly yours,

*W. S. Devereaux*

W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge

IGH:cc  
9-85  
cc-Bureau  
Enc. (1)

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9-2777-18  
MAY 27 1937

COPY AND SPECIMENS DETACHED IN S. E. P. S.

6-10-37  
C. C. 5-12-37

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

936 Raymond-Commerce Building  
Newark, New Jersey

May 25, 1937.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., Pres.,  
General Motors Corporation -  
VICTIM. Extortion.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 20,  
1937 transmitting Laboratory report covering document and  
fingerprint examination in the above-entitled case.

It is requested that there be forwarded to the  
Newark Division two photographic copies of the two pieces  
of mimeograph paper which bear the typewritten mimeographed  
words in the Hungarian language.

Very truly yours,

*W. S. Devereaux*  
W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge

IGH:csc  
9-85  
cc-Bureau

RECORDED

9-2777-17

COPY RETAINED IN LABORATORY

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
936 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

May 26, 1937.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation - VICTIM.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the report of Special Agent (A)  
W. D. Fay, dated at Newark, New Jersey, May 19, 1937, and  
it will be noted that a copy of such report was designated  
for the United States Attorney, Trenton, New Jersey.

Please be advised that the United States Attorney's  
copy of such report is being retained at the Newark Field  
Division for the time being, inasmuch as it is not considered  
advisable to transmit it to the United States Attorney until  
there are further developments in the case.

Very truly yours,

*W. S. Devereaux*  
W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JAN:ML  
9-85  
CC-New York

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&  
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9-2777-16

936 Raymond-Commerce Building  
Newark, New Jersey

May 25, 1937.

ATTENTION; TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., Pres.,  
General Motors Corporation -  
VICTIM. Extortion.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 20,  
1937 transmitting Laboratory report covering document and  
fingerprint examination in the above-entitled case.

It is requested that there be forwarded to the  
Newark Division two photographic copies of the two pieces  
of mimeograph paper which bear the typewritten mimeographed  
words in the Hungarian language.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge

LGH:oso  
9-85  
cc-Bureau

ATP:AWK

June 2, 1937

RECORDED

9-2777-15

Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

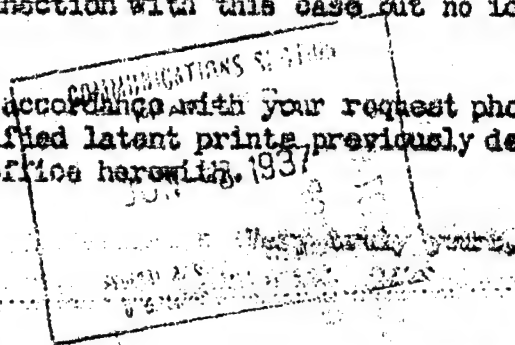
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 24, 1937 transmitting a letter signed by one Joseph Paul, accompanying envelope postmarked "New Brunswick, N. J., 2, May 15, 1937, 2:30 P. M.", an application for employment with the Linden Division of the General Motors Corporation dated May 17, 1937 and a Western Union Telegram addressed to Joseph Paul, R. F. D. #3, Box 93, New Brunswick, New Jersey for examination in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #9-85.

Please be advised that the material submitted has been examined and a total of eight fragmentary latent fingerprints has been developed. Of these, one appears on the letter, two impressions appear on the application and five on the telegram. No latent prints of value could be developed on the envelope.

The latent fingerprints developed as reported above have been compared with the latent finger impressions previously developed in connection with this case but no identification was effected.

In accordance with your request photographic copies of the unidentified latent prints previously developed are forwarded to your office herewith. 1937



Enclosure # A-66

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Ref 6



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE 16090

4002

Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects;

Number: 9-6777-15

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim.  
EXTORTION.

Specimens:

9-2777-15 K 49 One sheet, 1 application, and one envelope postmarked New Brunswick NJ 2 May 13 3:30 PM 1937, in the known handwriting of Joseph Paul.

One Eastern Union telegram for chemical development of latent prints.

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: 5-27-37 (11:30 AM hr) ( 5-27-37 3:00 P.M. chp)

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint ✓

Result of examination:

Examination by: Potter

// NOTE TO F.P.I. EXAMINER: SEND PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF THE UNIDENTIFIED LATENT  
PRINTS TO NEWARK.

RETURN APPLICATION BLANK.

C.L. dated 5/24

All known specimens

Latents: 5 on telegram  
1 on request for application (blank)  
2 " application  
0 " init.

Compared with prior latents - no ident

To Photog 6/1

Dict  
5/27/37

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

936 Raymond-Commerce Building  
Newark, New Jersey

May 24, 1937.

**ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY**

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation - VICTIM.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Newark Division letter of May 12th and 13th, 1937 transmitting three extortion letters previously received in this case.

RECORDED & INDEXED

Further reference is made to Bureau letter of May 18, 1937 advising as to the results of the Laboratory's fingerprint examination of these letters.

Transmitted herewith are three specimens for fingerprint and handwriting examination in comparison with the handwriting appearing on the above extortion letters and latent prints developed thereon. These specimens are described as follows:

- (a) An envelope addressed "General Motors Corp., Edison Division, New Jersey," and postmarked "New Brunswick, N. J., May 15, 1937. 2:30 PM", with accompanying letter requesting that an employment application be sent to the writer, JOSEPH PAUL, R.F.D. 3, Box 93, New Brunswick, New Jersey. This letter was intercepted by Agents of the Newark Division at New Brunswick Post Office on May 15, 1937, and was opened by R. J. Smith, Comptroller of the Edison Division of General Motors.

The letter was forwarded to the Edison company

- (b) A telegram sent to Joseph Paul, R.F.D. 3, Box 93, New Brunswick, which telegram was transmitted by A. C. Chisholm, Employment Manager of the Linden Division of General Motors Corporation.
- (c) Application for employment with the Linden Division of General Motors Corporation, dated May 17, 1937, completed by Joseph Paul, personally. Such application blank was carefully chosen for Joseph Paul's interview and apparently has been handled by only Joseph Paul.

*Sp. Sub.* // With reference to specimen (c) it is requested that such application be returned to the Newark Division in its original condition, if possible.

Further reference is made to Bureau teletype of May 13th and 14th, 1937.

It is requested (1) that the Laboratory determine the possibility of tracing the brown Kraft paper referred to therein, and also the strip of brown paper apparently from the flap of a large business envelope, used to seal the first and second extortion letters.

(2) Determine the make of typewriter used in printing the mimeographed words from the Hungarian language.

*Sp. Sub.* // (3) Forward photographic copies of the unidentified latent prints developed on the above extortion letters.

Very truly yours,

*W. S. Devereaux*  
W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge

LGH:cc  
Encls.  
cc-Bureau  
9-85

Enclosure Retained

RAL:DMS

# 9-2777

May 20, 1937.

RECORDED 9-2777-14

Special Agent in Charge,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.,  
President, General Motors  
Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

11-9

Dear Sir:

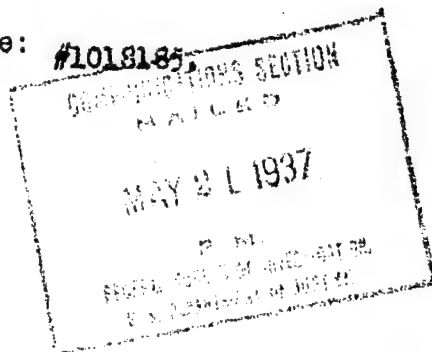
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau May 13, and May 14, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: #1018185



RECORDED COPY FILED IN 9-2770-7

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signature]*

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RAL:DMS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 16627  
# 16654  
# 16655

Laboratory Report  
May 20, 1937.

Case: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.  
Specimens: (See attached sheet)

Number: 9-2777-2

Examination requested by: Newark

Date received: May 13 and May 14, 1937

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Lovett

This report is in confirmation of the Bureau's teletypes dated May 13, and May 14, 1937, in response to your letters of May 12, and May 13, 1937, relative to the above-entitled case.

The sheet of paper designated as specimen Q1 is brown Kraft wrapping or bag paper having a wove texture, but no identifying marks. The envelope designated as specimen Q2 is plain white, measures 9½ by 4 inches, and contains no watermark. This envelope had been sealed and opened prior to receipt and then resealed with a strip of brown paper probably from the flap of a large business envelope. This flap bears a portion of a printed letter in red ink. Also, two pieces of mimeograph paper which bear typewritten mimeographed words in a foreign language were used to reseal the envelope. One of these appear the words "MOST HAR SZKEPEX SZEDBE". Information has been received from the State Department that these words are from the Hungarian language and are translated as follows: "now all ready beautiful blooms". The meaning of the initials "P. J. A." at the bottom of this piece of paper is not apparent. On the other slip of paper appear the letters "KER", which may have been part of another word. Information has been received that this word alone means "to be" in English. This information is furnished for whatever use may be desired.

The specimen designated as Q3 is written on a brown sheet of Kraft paper which has been cut along three sides. The envelope designated as specimen Q4 had also been sealed and opened before receipt and resealed again with paper similar to that used for the second letter or specimen Q2. This envelope measures approximately 5 1/2 by 3 1/2 inches, and contains no watermark.

RECORDED COPY FILED IN 9-2777-7

Page Two

Laboratory Report  
May 20, 1937.

#16627  
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#16655

It has not been possible to ascertain the date of the postmark on letter #1.

It is suggested that if a comparison of the newsprint is desired, that you forward representative newspapers of that vicinity. A newspaper clipping enclosed in the second letter has been identified as coming from the "Star Eagle", of Newark, New Jersey.

The letter paper and envelope in the case entitled, "Samuel D. Walker, et al., Victim, Extortion", is not identical with the stationery used in the instant case. The letters of the printed word "READY" in the Walker case are identical in size and style with some of the printed letters in the first extortion letter received in the instant case. However, information is not available as to whether this print is limited to the use of one newspaper.

The sheet of paper, designated as specimen Q5, is brown kraft paper similar to that used for specimen Q3. The envelope, designated as specimen Q6, is similar to the envelope used for the first letter, or specimen Q2.

The handwriting on the instant letter is identical with that on the second letter, or the letter designated as specimens Q3 and Q4.

Photographic copies of the above-designated specimens have been forwarded to your office by Special Delivery.

The handwriting on the instant letters has been compared with the handwriting in other letters in the Laboratory's anonymous letter file, but no identification has been effected. A photographic copy of the handwriting on these letters is being placed in that file for future comparison purposes, and your office will be notified in the event an identification is effected.

A report on the fingerprint examination has been submitted separately.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE REQUEST FOR RETURN OF THE EVIDENCE BY CERTIFIED MAIL TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

2-Bureau (1 for file 9-2777; 1 for file 9-2770)  
1-Newark  
2-Laboratory (1 for file 9-2777; 1 for file 9-2770).

- Specimens: 9-2777-2 Q1 One sheet of letters clipped from newspaper, etc. and reads: "To President You must take orders from us\*\*\*\*".
- " Q2 One envelope postmarked "New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 8 or 9, 1937."
  - " Q3 One sheet of writing in pencil which reads, "To President This is\*\*\*\*".
  - " Q4 One envelope postmarked "New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 10, 1937, 5 P. M."

One newspaper photograph of demolished dirigible Hindenburg.

- " Q5 One sheet of brown wrapping paper written in pencil and reads, "This is your last warning pay up or else.\*\*\*\*".
- " Q6 One envelope postmarked "New Brunswick, New Jersey, 2, May 12, 1937, 5 P. M."



Invoice of Contents from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date May 14, 1937.

Consigned to: SAC NEWARK

Case Reference: Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Sloan, Jr  
President, General Motors Corporation  
Victim; Extortion.  
File 9-2777

List of Contents

- Q5. One sheet of brown wrapping paper written in pencil and reads:  
"This is your last warning pay up or else.——".
- Q6. One envelope postmarked New Brunswick 2, New Jersey, May 12,  
1937, 5 P.M.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

9-2777-14

Invoice of Contents from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date May 13, 1937

Case Reference:

Unknown Subjects; Alfred P. Elia  
Jr., President, General Motors  
Corporation, Victim; Extortion.  
File 9-2777-2

Consigned to: SAC Newark

List of Contents

Photographs of the following specimens:

- Q1. One sheet of letters clipped from newspaper, etc. and reads:  
"To President" You must take orders from us —".
- Q2. One envelope postmarked New Brunswick, N.J., May 8th or 9th, 1937.
- Q3. One sheet of writing in pencil which reads: "To President This is—".
- Q4. One envelope postmarked New Brunswick, N.J. May 10, 1937, 5 P.M.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Jones  
Mr. Mumford  
Mr. Quinn

DIRECTOR

DEVEREAUX

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Copy to Mr. Tamm

**RECORDED**

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CONFIDENTIAL

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

May 12, 1937.

Time -

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Alfred P. Sloane - Victim;  
Extortion.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Samuel D. Walker, et al - Victims;  
Extortion.

The above are the extortion cases in the Newark Division about which I talked with Mr. Connelley earlier in the evening.

During a subsequent telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley he said that he had reviewed these two files, and has found that the letters in both cases emanated from the same vicinity in New Jersey. He said that in one case there are two letters and in the other, there is one, all of which letters have been forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory for appropriate examination. Mr. Connelley suggested that the Laboratory make photographic copies of all three of these letters and forward them up there tomorrow so that they can look at the originals in their consideration of the question as to whether or not all three were written or composed by the same individual. Mr. Connelley further suggested that the Laboratory attempt to determine if all three letters are composed of words clipped from the same newspapers, and if the results of this examination are affirmative, it would tend to indicate that the same individual composed the letters.

I told Mr. Connelley the Laboratory would take care of this tomorrow.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEWARK, NEW JERSEY**

FILE NO. **9-85 ML**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK, NEW JERSEY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/19/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/11, 12/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. D. FAY</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President, General Motors Corporation - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

The Linden, N. J. Division of General Motors Corporation received letter on May 10, 1937, addressed to Alfred P. Sloan, composed of letters cut from newspaper and pasted on wrapping paper. Demands \$100,000 in 50¢ pieces under threat of blowing up factory. Instructs insertion of ad in Daily News on May 15, 1937. Second letter received in mail on May 11, 1937 addressed to "President General Motors INC Linden, N. J." and contains photograph of demolished dirigible Hindenburg and reiterates threat. Third letter received May 13, 1937 contains further warning. Second and third letters written in pencil on wrapping paper. All letters mailed from New Brunswick, New Jersey and signed "The Ailer". Letters transmitted to Bureau's Technical Laboratory.

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*Boyle 9-4-37*

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W.D. Revere</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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DETAILS:

The title of this case includes the words, "President, General Motors Corporation" inasmuch as one of the letters received was addressed to "President." It should be further noted at this time that during the past few weeks Mr. Knudson has succeeded Mr. Sloan as President, Mr. Sloan now being Chairman of the Board of Directors of the General Motors Corporation.

This is a joint report of Special Agent L. G. Healey and the writer.

This case is predicated upon a telephone conversation from Herbert Schulhafer, Postmaster, Linden, New Jersey, to Special Agent in Charge W. S. Devereaux on May 11, 1937. Mr. Schulhafer advised that two letters were received at the Linden Division of the General Motors Corporation and had been turned over to him by an employee of that company. The letters, he stated, contained threats to destroy the General Motors plant unless \$1,000.00 was paid.

AT LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

Postmaster Schulhafer stated that all General Motors mail is put into a sack designated for that company and that an employee of the General Motors Corporation takes this sack daily from the post office. Mr. Schulhafer further stated that Mr. Dunn, of the General Motors Corporation, had called at the Post Office earlier that morning with two letters and had left them with Mr. Schulhafer. Mr. Schulhafer then called the Post Office Inspector who, when advised of the contents of the letters, instructed him to contact the Newark Field Division. Mr. Schulhafer stated that the letters had been handled by Mr. Dunn and also by him. His fingerprints, therefore, were taken by Agent. Mr. Schulhafer advised that he had been advised by Mr. Dunn that they had no suspects in mind in connection with this case.

Mahlon H. Dunn, of the Plant Protection Department, stated that the letters had been turned over to him by Mr. W. J. Smith, Comptroller, and stated that he had no suspects in

mind and no suggestions to make and therefore he took the letters to the local postmaster. Mr. Dunn said that he understood the mail was all received in the mailing room and that as it was opened and its contents noted, a clerk in the mailing room took it to Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith and his assistant, LaVerne R. Sanborn, both read and handled the envelopes and letters. They then called the matter to the attention of W. S. Roberts, who is manager of the General Motors plant in Linden, New Jersey. The envelope of the first letter is postmarked New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 8 or 9, 1937 and was received with the company's regular mail on the morning of May 10, 1937. The message was constructed from letters cut from newspapers and possibly magazines and pasted on wrapping paper. It reads as follows:

"To President

You must take orders from us or else your  
company will be blow to hell get \$1000 in  
50 cents only be ready to plant it where we  
tell you if not the men of ail will blow  
General Motors of the map. Put this in the  
Daily News We are Name the place  
Put on page 7 - on May 15

You Bom

Ailer "

It has been established that several letters were cut from the "Daily Home News" of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and from the peach (pink) section of "The Star Eagle" of Newark, New Jersey.

The envelope, approximately 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 4 1/8", was addressed in blue ink, and reads as follows:

"PERSONAL

ALFRED P. SLOAN  
GENERAL MOTORS CORP  
OF LINDEN DIVISION

PERSONAL

Letter number two was received with the regular company mail on the morning of May 11, 1937. The envelope of this letter is postmarked New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 10, 1937, 5 p. m.

This letter was written on wrapping paper in pencil and reads as follows:

"To President

This is what Become of People that don't pay up. this is your second warning don't pay and you'll get the same. Remember no funny stuff the Ailer men are ready to blow you sky wide. Just like this picture\_ have your money ready.

THE AILER

May 11, 1937

"

The envelope, approximately 5 3/8" x 4 3/8", was addressed in pencil, and reads as follows:

"Personal

President  
General Motors INC  
Linden, N. J.

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Enclosed in letter numbertwo was a newspaper photograph of the demolished dirigible Hindenburg.



The letters and envelopes are believed to have been handled by the following persons:

Walter G. Haslam, Mail Clerk.  
Roger F. MacDonald, Mail Clerk.  
Sherwood T. Sterling, Mail Clerk.  
Wm. J. Smith, Comptroller.  
LaVerne R. Sanborn, Assistant to Mr. Smith.  
Mahlon H. Dunn, Plant Protection Department.  
Herbert Schulhafer, Postmaster, Linden, New Jersey.  
W. S. Roberts, Manager of the plant.

The fingerprints of all the above, with the exception of Mr. Roberts, were transmitted with the original letters to the Technical Laboratory on May 12, 1937. Mr. Roberts advised that his fingerprints were on file in the Civil Fingerprint Section of the Bureau. He advised, however, that if any difficulty was experienced in locating his fingerprint card, he would be glad to furnish them to an Agent.

Walter G. Haslam, Mail Clerk, stated that he opened the letters, despite the fact that they were addressed to Mr. Sloan or "President". He stated that he was reprimanded by Mr. Smith for so doing. Because of the unusual nature of the contents, he showed them to two other employees in the mail room, Roger F. MacDonald and Sherwood T. Sterling. He then took the letters to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Roberts both stated that they were unable to name any suspects and called attention to the fact that the Linden Division of the General Motors Corporation is comparatively new, actual plant operations having begun only within the past month. There is no strike or labor trouble being experienced at the plant at this time.

Mr. Smith pointed out, however, that the envelope of letter #1 is addressed to "Linden Division", which name is technically correct, however, it was ascertained that Mr. Sloan has no office at the Linden Division, but maintains his offices in the General Motors Building, 1775 Broadway, New York City.

Mr. Dunn stated that he would make arrangements for the insertion of the ad in the Daily Home News of New Brunswick, New Jersey, if possible having this ad placed on Page 7, in accordance with the instructions set forth in letter #1. A copy of the Daily Home News was purchased by the writer and no significance can be attached to Page 7, inasmuch as this page is devoted to ordinary news items. No classified sections appear on this page. Mr. Dunn stated that he was unable to furnish an accurate description of Mr. Sloan at this time, but it is believed that a better description can be secured from one of the plant officials.

An undeveloped lead is being set out in this report to secure this description.

Cellophane envelopes were left with Mr. Dunn to be used in the event additional letters are received. Arrangements were also made, through Mr. Smith, in order that the mail room clerks would not have an opportunity to handle the contents of further letters.

On the morning of May 13, 1937, Mr. Dunn telephoned the writer at the Newark Field Division advising him that an additional letter had been received.

Agent L. G. Healey and the writer proceeded to Linden, New Jersey, where they were handed a cellophane envelope containing a letter addressed as follows:

"Personal

A. P. Sloan President  
General Motors Inc  
Linden, N. J.

Personal

Personal "

The envelope was postmarked New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 12, 1937, 5 p. m. and was received in the company's regular mail on the morning of May 13, 1937. This letter was turned over to the Newark Division on the morning of May 13, 1937 by Mr. M. H. Dunn, Plant Protection Department, of the above plant. Mr. Dunn advised that such letter had not been handled by anyone, but that the envelope had been handled by W. G. Haslam, mail clerk,

and W. J. Smith, Comptroller. The fingerprints of these individuals have previously been forwarded to the Bureau, by letter of May 12, 1937, in connection with previous letters received.

The letter reads as follows:

"This is your last warning pay up or else. Remember no funny business or the whole plant will go up any how good luck

THE Ailer

May 15

The reverse side reads as follows:

"If your wise you'll do just as it say's

THE Ailer

Remember the 15 of May well we mean it".

AT NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

Edward J. Gleason, Postmaster, was shown the envelope of letter #1 in an attempt to ascertain if the postmark numbers bore any significance. This envelope also bore a  $\frac{1}{2}$  stamp, in addition to the regular 3¢ stamp. Mr. Gleason stated that the sale of  $\frac{1}{2}$  stamps is not an unusual procedure; that several are sold daily to various people. He also advised that the postmark number does not mean anything and that all the mail, either deposited in various mail boxes throughout the city or at the Post Office itself are canceled in the Post Office.

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

It was ascertained, by reviewing various newspapers, that the Newark Star Eagle, an evening newspaper, Newark, New Jersey, was used to make up various words in letter #1. The section from which some of these words were made is known as the "Peach Section". A review of various New York Daily News newspapers indicates that Page 7 is not significant and furthermore, this page is often used for full-page ads. It is believed that the writer of the extortion letters does not have the New York Daily News in mind when making his demands that the ad be placed in the Daily News.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEWARK FIELD DIVISION, AT LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

will ascertain, through Mahlon H. Dunn of the Linden Division of the General Motors Corporation if the ad has been placed in the Daily Home News, New Brunswick, New Jersey for insertion on May 15, 1937.

Will secure a physical description of Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., from an official of the General Motors Plant.

Will make arrangements with officials of the General Motors Plant for immediate notification to the Newark Division in the event additional instructions are received.

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Will prepare a decoy package for use in the event a plant is to be maintained. It should be noted that 2,000-50¢ pieces weighs approximately 57 pounds.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

936 Raymond-Commerce Bldg.  
Newark, New Jersey

May 18, 1937.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY - Victim.  
Extortion.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
SAMUEL D. WALKER, ET AL - Victims.  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau teletypes of May 13th and 14th, 1937 in the above-entitled cases advising as to the Laboratory's desire that representative newspapers of the New Brunswick, New Jersey community be forwarded for comparison of news prints.

Further reference is made to Bureau teletype of May 13th, 1937 in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; SAMUEL D. WALKER, CHARLES W. MORRISSEY - VICTIMS; EXTORTION", advising as to results of examination of the news print clippings which constituted the extortion letter in that case.

Transmitted under separate cover are copies of the following designated newspapers, representative of the New Brunswick, New Jersey community:

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS  
NEW YORK TIMES  
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE  
NEW YORK JOURNAL  
NEW YORK POST  
NEW YORK SUN  
NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM  
NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR

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PHILADELPHIA EVENING BULLETIN  
PHILADELPHIA RECORD  
BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE  
TRENTON STATE GAZETTE

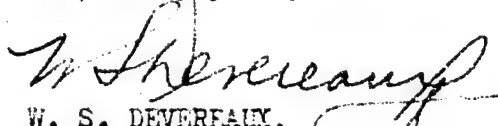
The above copies are all dated May 14th, 1937.

In addition, there are also transmitted copies of the NEW BRUNSWICK DAILY HOME NEWS, the NEWARK STAR EAGLE, and the NEWARK EVENING NEWS, from May 1st to May 13th, 1937, inclusive. However, none of the above papers contain Sunday editions, and therefore, copies for Sunday, May 2nd and May 9th are not included. However, copies of the NEW BRUNSWICK SUNDAY TIMES for May 2nd and May 9th are being transmitted herewith.

It is requested that the Technical Laboratory determine from what newspaper the news prints in both extortion cases have been taken. If such clippings are determined to be from either the NEW BRUNSWICK DAILY HOME NEWS, the NEWARK STAR EAGLE, or the NEWARK EVENING NEWS, it is requested that an effort be made to determine from what copies and from what page of same they have been clipped.

There is enclosed herewith Government Bill of Lading J-82912 covering shipment of the above-mentioned newspapers from Newark to Washington, D. C., May 18th, 1937.

Very truly yours,

  
W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge

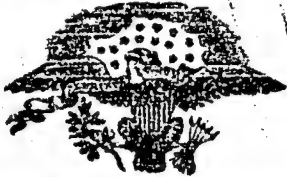
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**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

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PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300**





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HEREOF (Appropriation chargeable)  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Newark, N.J.  
(Issuing office)  
W.S. Devereaux, Special Agent in Charge May 18, 1937, 19  
(Name and title of issuing officer) (Date issued)

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(Consignor)  
by the Railway Express Agency the public property hereinafter described,  
(Name of transportation company)  
in apparent good order and condition (contents and value unknown), to be forwarded subject to conditions stated on the reverse hereof,  
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(Shipping point) (Destination)

by the said company and connecting lines, there to be delivered in like good order and condition to Director,  
(Consignee)  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.  
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(Signature of Consignor) Special Agent in Charge.

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AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT

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5-18-37  
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Per \_\_\_\_\_

(Agent)

CERTIFICATE OF ISSUING OFFICER

(To be filled out when this bill of lading is issued for use by contractor in making shipment)

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(F. O. B. point named in contract)

(Issuing officer)

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(Consignor)

(Date)



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/18/37</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/14/37</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L. A. NEWSOM</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT ALFRED SLOAN, JR. - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Arrangements made to have any extortion letters received in the office or at the residence of victim turned over to the New York division. Arrangements made to have telephone calls traced that come to office of victim. Victim presently residing at his Great Neck, L.I. country estate, but is temporarily in Chicago; is expected to return to New York May 23rd.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT NEW YORK CITY**

This investigation is based upon a telephone call from Special Agent J. A. MURPHY, acting in charge of the Newark office, received in this office May 14, 1937.

This office was advised that ALFRED SLOAN, JR., Chairman of the Board of General Motors, had received three extortion letters addressed to the Linden, New Jersey plant of the GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, these letters demanding \$1,000.00 in fifty cent pieces.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. W. Lutton</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2477-71-9</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">MAY 19 1937</div>
3 Bureau 2 Newark 2 N. York		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>MAILED</b>  <b>MAY 19 1937</b> </div>

MR. MURPHY stated that he believed that the New York home of MR. SLOAN at 820 Fifth Avenue might possibly be contacted by the extortioner although there was no indication that the extortioner knew that MR. SLOAN lived at this address. He advised that MR. SLOAN is presently out of town and does not know of the existence of these extortion letters. He further advised that MR. JAMES D. CARPENTER, attorney-at-law, Jersey City, N.J. who represents the General Motors Corporation in New Jersey had conversed with MR. HENRY HOGAN of the Legal Department of the General Motors Corporation in New York and had advised MR. HOGAN that contact should be made with MR. SLOAN'S Fifth Avenue address. MR. MURPHY requested that an agent contact MR. HOGAN and make appropriate arrangements with MR. SLOAN'S Fifth Avenue home so that this office would be promptly advised if any telephone calls or letters were received at the office or residence of MR. SLOAN. MR. MURPHY was advised that an agent from this office would immediately contact MR. HOGAN.

MR. HOGAN, of the Legal Department of GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, 25th floor, General Motors Building, 57th Street and Broadway, advised that he was not very familiar with the case and only knew what he had been told by MR. CARPENTER. He stated that MR. W. F. ANDERSON was secretary to MR. SLOAN and would make any arrangements requested by the writer.

MR. W. F. ANDERSON advised that all telephone calls for MR. SLOAN, coming into the office of MR. SLOAN, are received there by him or MR. PAUL FRANK, who is also secretary to MR. SLOAN. He further advised that all mail addressed to MR. SLOAN is received through his office and is opened by a young lady (who is secretary to MR. ANDERSON). He (Mr. Anderson) immediately reads this mail and in his absence, MR. FRANK reads the mail. He stated that any letter coming to MR. SLOAN would not be handled by more than two persons. MR. ANDERSON further advised that MR. SLOAN had closed his residence at 820 Fifth Avenue for the season on May 12th and is now residing at his Great Neck, L.I. estate, which is located on Bayview Avenue among the Kings Point estates. He stated that MR. SLOAN at that time was in Chicago but would leave Chicago at 1:45 P.M. ~~central~~ standard time on May 14th, 1937 for Hot Springs, Virginia where he will visit MRS. SLOAN for a few days, leaving Hot Springs, Virginia either Sunday or Monday night, May 23 or 24, it not being definite at this time when he would leave Hot Springs, Virginia. He stated that if MR. SLOAN left Hot Springs on the night of the 23rd he would be in New York on May 24th but that if he left Hot Springs on the 24th he would go directly to Detroit.

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However, if he came to New York he would leave for Detroit at 6:45 P.M. on May 24th. It is not known definitely what MR. SLOAN'S itinerary will be after this time, however, it is believed after a few days in Detroit he will return to Hot Springs, Virginia.

MR. ANDERSON advised that MR. SLOAN maintains only one guard or watchman at his Great Neck premises, one BOB OATES, a Holmes representative who is on duty at night. He maintains no guard in the day time. MR. ANDERSON further advised that telephone calls coming into the Great Neck residence would be received by the butler, FOLKE CHRISTIE. MR. ANDERSON further stated that under MR. SLOAN'S regular procedure, mail received at his Great Neck residence is opened by himself (Mr. Sloan) and then brought in to the office by him. In MR. SLOAN'S absence, the mail is not opened by anyone but is allowed to remain at his residence until his return. However, in view of the circumstances, MR. ANDERSON stated that arrangements would be made whereby he would daily pick up the mail sent from the Great Neck residence, and would open all of the mail which did not appear to be of a personal nature.

MR. ANDERSON stated that they maintain a switchboard at their New York offices and it would be possible for the supervisor of this switchboard to trace any calls which come in to MR. SLOAN'S office. He stated that he would make arrangements with the supervisor to trace any calls of a suspicious nature. MR. ANDERSON was advised to place any extortion letters which he may receive in an envelope being careful not to handle same, and to immediately notify this office in the event an extortion letter or telephone call is received through his office or through the residence of MR. SLOAN. He stated that he would, and appeared very anxious to cooperate with the Bureau in every way possible.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

May 12, 1937.

Time - 5:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
Alfred P. Sloane - Victim;  
Extortion.

*Vogel*

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Mr. Connelley at the Newark Division, I mentioned to him that the above entitled case, the victim in which is President of General Motors, is now under investigation by that office; that the letter which Mr. Sloane received was composed of words clipped out of a newspaper and pasted on a piece of paper.

I also mentioned to Mr. Connelley that I recalled another extortion case in the Newark Division having for its victims two real estate men, in which the threatening letter was made up of words clipped from a newspaper and pasted on a piece of paper.

I told Mr. Connelley it might be well for him to get the files on these two cases out, review them, and determine if there is a possibility that the cases have the same person or persons as subjects.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. TAMM.

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Michael Sernyik	1063694 -
John Toth	987012 -
Carl Koch	1098662 -
Edward Obszarney	1015785 -
Ernest Schilling	1019031 -
John Gostowski	963170 -
Steven Dockiewicz	963243 -
Edward Przybylowski	962960 -
William Pelley	938201 -
John Balint	794167 -
Andrew Filkohazi	1012840 -
Wilbur Lucas	957179 -
Joseph Kortbawi	1086446 -
John Pellicano	885507 -
William F. Smith	372468 -
William Robbins	977799 -
Edward Laczko	911726 -
George Balasic	734443 -

MORRIS COUNTY

John Giglio	1020381 -
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Albert Boyer	1062797 -
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Ralph Alvino	917316 -
Frank Miller	1004209 -
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936 Raymond-Commerce Building  
Newark, New Jersey

April 18, 1938

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim.  
EXPORTATION.

There is being transmitted herewith, a list of the names and fingerprint numbers of former inmates of the Arundale Reformatory who were released by that institution between January 1, 1936 and May 15, 1937.

It is requested that their fingerprints be compared with the unidentified latent prints developed as set out in Bureau letter dated May 18, 1957 (bureau file #9-2777).

Very truly yours,

T. J. Donegan

T. J. DONEGAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

May 14, 1937.

Transmit the following message to:

SAC NEWARK

ALFRED P. SLOANE VICTIM EXTORTION. LETTER PAPER AND ENVELOPE IN CASE  
QUOTE SAMUEL D. WALKER ET AL VICTIM EXTORTION UNQUOTE NOT IDENTICAL WITH  
STATIONERY IN INSTANT CASE. PRINTED WORD QUOTE READY UNQUOTE IN WALKER  
CASE IDENTICAL IN SIZE AND STYLE WITH SOME PRINTED LETTERS IN FIRST  
EXTORTION LETTER IN INSTANT CASE. HOWEVER INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE WHETHER  
THIS PRINT LIMITED TO USE OF ONE NEWSPAPER. THIRD EXTORTION LETTER INSTANT  
CASE WRITTEN ON BROWN KRAFT PAPER SIMILAR TO THAT USED FOR SECOND EXTORTION  
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PHOTOGRAPHS FORWARDED SPECIAL DELIVERY. ONE LATENT PRINT DEVELOPED ON  
INSTANT LETTER AND ELIMINATED AS THAT OF WALTER G. HASLAM. NO LATENTS ON  
ENVELOPE. LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN THIS CASE COMPARED WITH LATENTS IN WALKER  
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Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
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Mr. Coffey .....  
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Miss Gandy .....

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# TELETYPE

FBI WASHINGTON DC 5-14-37 9-00 P CKS

SAC NEWARK NJ

PHONE. ALFRED P SLOANE VICTIM EXTORTION. LETTER PAPER AND ENVELOPE IN CASE "SAMUEL D WALKER ETAL VIKEX" NOT IDENTICAL WITH STATIONERY IN INSTANT CASE. PRINTED WORD "READY" IN WALKER CASE IDENTICAL IN SIZE AND STYLE WITH SOME PRINTED LETTERS IN FIRST EXTOL INSTANT CASE.

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# TELETYPE

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FBI NEWARK 5-13-37 3-45 PM DST MML

DIRECTOR

PHONE. UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; ALFRED P SLOAN, GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION VICTIMS, EXTORTION. THIRD EXTORTION LETTER RECEIVED TODAY. ENVELOPE POSTMARKED NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, MAY TWELFTH ADDRESSED TO A. P. SLOAN, PRESIDENT, GENERAL MOTORS INC LINDEN, NEW JERSEY. LETTER WRITTEN IN PENCIL STATES LAST WARNING NO FUNNY BUSINESS OR WHOLE PLANT WILL GO UP. REMEMBER THE FIFTEENTH OF MAY SIGNED THE AILER. ENVELOPE AND LETTER NOT HANDLED AND BEING FORWARDED BUREAU SPECIAL DELIVERY TODAY. ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR AD TO APPEAR IN NEW BRUNSWICK DAILY HOME NEWS AND NEW YORK DAILY NEWS ON MAY FIFTEENTH AS INSTRUCTED.

LINDEN NEW JERSEY POLICE HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF EXTORTION LETTER RECEIVED BY GENERAL MOTORS INC LINDEN, BUT DO NOT KNOW CONTENTS AND HAVE NOT MADE ~~AN~~ ANY INVESTIGATION, BUT HAVE OFFERED THEIR COOPERATION. ALFRED P. SLOAN IS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GENERAL MOTORS INC BUT HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF RECEIPT OF EXTORTION LETTERS ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS OF GENERAL MOTORS AT LINDEN. SLOAN PRESENTLY AT GENERAL MOTORS INC BUILDING, SEVENTEEN ~~XEN~~ SEVEN FIVE BROADWAY NEW YORK CITY.

5/14/37 DEVEREAUX

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MAY 14 1937

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Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Cowley  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson

FBI NEWARK

8 PM EDST

5-11-37

CC

DIRECTOR

PHONE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, ALFRED P SLOAN PRESIDENT GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, VICTIM EXTORTION. FIRST LETTER RECEIVED AT LINDEN NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF GENERAL MOTOR CORPORATION MAILED FROM NEW BRUNSWICK NEW JERSEY MAY EIGHTH OR NINTH. LETTER DEMANDS ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FIFTN CENT PIECES OR FACTORY WILL BE BLOWN UP. FURTHER REQUESTS QUOTE PUT THIS IN DAILY NEWS. WERE ARE NAME THE PLACE UNQUOTE. LETTER ~~CONSISTS~~ CONSISTS OF WORDS CUT FROM NEWSPAPERS AND PASTED ON WRAPPING PAPER. SECOND LETTER WRITTEN IN PENGIL ON WRAPPING PAPER POSTMARKED NEW BRUNSWICK NEW JERSEY MAY TENTH NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. CONTAINS PHOTOGRAPH OF DEMOLISHED DIRIGIBLE HINDENBURG AND ADVISES TO HAVE MONEY READY. LETTERS REFERRED TO LINDEN NEW JERSEY POSTMASTER WHO TURNED THEM OVER TO BUREAU AGENTS. ORIGINAL LETTERS BEING SENT TECHNICAL LABORATORY TOMORROW. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MAY 14 1937 P. M.

DEVEREAUX

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 13, 1937.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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SAC NEWARK NEW JERSEY

Transmit the following message to:

9-2777

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR. VICTIM EXTORTION. YOUR LETTER MAY  
TWELVE. FIRST LETTER ON BROWN KRAFT PAPER NO IDENTIFYING MARKS. ENVELOPE  
OF FIRST LETTER PLAIN WHITE, NINE AND ONE HALF BY FOUR INCHES. NO WATER MARK.  
HAD BEEN SEALED AND OPENED PRIOR TO RECEIPT AND SEALED AGAIN WITH STRIP OF  
BROWN PAPER PROBABLY FROM FLAP OF LARGE BUSINESS ENVELOPE. THIS FLAP BEARS  
PORTION OF LETTER PRINTED IN RED INK. ALSO TWO PIECES OF MIMEOGRAPH PAPER  
USED TO SEAL ENVELOPE WHICH BEAR TYPEWRITTEN MIMEOGRAPHED WORDS IN FOREIGN  
LANGUAGE. ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE LANGUAGE AND WORDS. LETTER NUMBER  
TWO ON BROWN KRAFT PAPER CUT ON THREE SIDES. ENVELOPE FOR SECOND LETTER ALSO  
SEALED AND OPENED BEFORE RECEIPT AND RESEALED WITH PAPER SIMILAR TO THAT OF  
SECOND LETTER. MEASURES FIVE AND FOUR TENTHS BY THREE AND FOUR TENTHS INCHES.  
NO WATERMARK. CANNOT ASCERTAIN DATE OF POSTMARK ON LETTER NUMBER ONE. IF  
COMPARISON OF NEWS PRINT DESIRED FORWARD REPRESENTATIVE NEWSPAPERS OF THAT  
VICINITY. NEWSPAPER CLIPPING IN SECOND LETTER IDENTIFIED COMING FROM QUOTE  
THE STAR EAGLE UNQUOTE. PHOTOGRAPHS BEING FORWARDED SPECIAL DELIVERY.  
SIX LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED ON SPECIMENS. ONE PRINT ELIMINATED AS THAT  
OF MARLON H. DUNN. ONE LATENT OF VALUE FOR SEARCH IN SINGLE FINGERPRINT FILE.  
SEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED. FINGERPRINTS OF CRANE ROBERTS NOT LOCATED HERE.  
SUGGEST SUBMIT ROBERT'S PRINTS FOR ELIMINATION PURPOSES.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
936 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

May 13, 1937.

REGISTERED MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Att: Technical Laboratory.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR.,  
President of General  
Motors Corp., - VICTIM.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the teletype from this Division, to the Bureau, of May 13, 1937 advising as to the receipt of a third extortion letter from victims in the instant case. Transmitted herewith, in a cellophane envelope, is a letter received at the Linden, New Jersey, Division Plant of the General Motors Corporation, Linden, New Jersey. This letter represents the third extortion letter received in this case.

Instant letter is written on brown wrapping paper, in pencil, and reads as follows:

"This is your last warning pay up or else. Remember no funny business or the whole plant will go up any how good luck

RECEIVED - DIVISION

THE Ailer

May 13<sup>th</sup> "

The reverse side reads as follows:

9-2777-3

Specimens Retained in Laboratory  
5/14/37

"If your wise you'll do just as it say's

THE Ailer

Remember the 15 of May well we mean it"

The address of such letter was written in pencil on a plain, white envelope and reads as follows:

Personal

A. P. Sloan President  
General Motors inc  
Linden, N J.

Personal

Personal

The envelope was postmarked New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 12, 1937, 5 p. m. and was received in the company's regular mail on the morning of May 13, 1937. This letter was turned over to the Newark Division on the morning of May 13, 1937 by Mr. M. H. Dunn, Plant Protection Department, of the above plant. Mr. Dunn advised that such letter had not been handled by anyone, but that the envelope had been handled by W. G. Haslam, mail clerk, and W. J. Smith, Comptroller. The fingerprints of these individuals have previously been forwarded to the Bureau, by letter of May 12, 1937, in connection with previous letters received.

It is requested that the Technical Laboratory process this letter for fingerprints and subject same to paper examination. It is further requested that comparison of this letter be made with previous letters received in this case and other extortion letters on file in the Bureau.

Reference is made to Newark Field Division letter of May 12, 1937 to the Bureau transmitting the two previous extortion letters received by victims in this case. This letter advised that "Crane" Roberts was manager of the Linden Division Plant of the General Motors Corporation. Mr. Roberts' fingerprints were desired for elimination purposes. Mr. Roberts advised that his fingerprints were on file, having been taken in 1934 by the Piedmont, California, Police Department when Mr. Roberts was

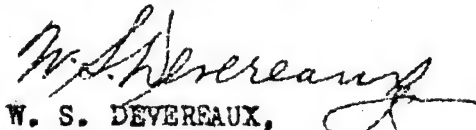


deputized during the labor troubles in that section. It has since been ascertained that Mr. Roberts' correct name is W. S. Roberts, "Crane" being the name under which he is addressed by employees at the plant. This information is being given for assistance in locating Mr. Roberts' fingerprints.

Arrangements are being made with officials at the General Motors Corporation Plant at Linden, New Jersey, for the insertion of an advertisement in the New York Daily News and the New Brunswick Daily Home News on May 15 in accordance with the request contained in the initial extortion letter in this case and the Bureau shall be promptly advised as to further developments in this case.

It is desired that the Newark Division be furnished with photographic copies of instant letter and that the original be retained in the Bureau's files.

Very truly yours,

  
W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC-Bureau

ATP:BRG

May 18, 1937

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~~9-2777-2~~ and 9-2777-2

Mr. E. J. Dwyer;  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
936 Raymond-Commerce Building,  
Newark, New Jersey.

Re: Unknown Subjects;  
Alfred P. Sloan, Junior, President,  
General Motors Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 12, 1937 transmitting two original extortion letters and accompanying envelopes postmarked New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 8 or 9, 1937 and "New Brunswick, N. J., May 10, 1937, 5:00 P. M.", one newspaper photograph of demolished dirigible "Hindenburg" and the fingerprints of seven individuals for elimination purposes in connection with the above-entitled case. Reference is also made to your letter of May 13, 1937 submitting an original extortion letter and accompanying envelope postmarked "New Brunswick 2, N. J., May 12, 1937, 5:00 P. M." for examination relative to the instant case.

Confirming and supplementing the Bureau's telegraphic message of May 13, 1937, you are advised that six latent fingerprints were developed on the specimens submitted under date of May 12, 1937. Of these, one latent print appears on the letter beginning "To President: You must take orders from us", one on the envelope postmarked New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 8 or 9, 1937, three latent prints appear on the letter beginning "To President: This is" and one latent impression appears on the envelope postmarked "New Brunswick, N. J., May 10, 1937, 5:00 P. M."

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dawsey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Quinn
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAY 19 1937  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*[Handwritten signature and initials]*



Page 2  
May 18, 1937  
Mr. W. S. Devereaux,  
Newark, New Jersey.

The latent prints developed as reported on the previous page were compared with the fingerprints of Walter G. Haslam, Roger F. McDonald, Sherwood T. Sterling, William J. Smith, Laverne H. Sanborn, Mahlon H. Dunn and Herbert Schulhafer. As a result of these comparisons, the latent print developed on the envelope postmarked New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 8 or 9, 1937 was eliminated for further consideration in this case as being identical with the right thumb impression of Mahlon H. Dunn. No other identifications were effected.

The latent finger impression developed on the letter beginning "To President: You must take orders from us" contains sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and search through the Bureau's single fingerprint file. This search is now being conducted and upon completion your office will be notified as to the results.

Confirming the Bureau's teletype of May 14, 1937, you are informed that the specimens submitted under date of May 13, 1937 were examined and one latent fingerprint was developed on the letter beginning "This is your last warning, pay up". Upon comparison this latent print was eliminated from further consideration as having been made by the left index finger of Walter G. Haslam. No latent fingerprints of value could be developed on the accompanying envelope.

A search of the alphabetical name files of the Bureau upon the basis of the information furnished failed to disclose a fingerprint record for the individual referred to in your letters as Crane Roberts and W. S. Roberts. It is suggested that your office submit the finger impressions of this individual for purposes of elimination.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

936 Raymond-Commerce Building  
Newark, New Jersey

May 12, 1937

ATTENTION TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., President,  
General Motors Corporation -- VICTIM.  
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith in cellophane envelopes are  
two letters received at the Linden, New Jersey, Division Plant  
of the General Motors Corporation, Linden, New Jersey.

The envelope of the first letter is postmarked  
New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 8 or 9, 1937, and was received  
with the company's regular mail on the morning of May 10, 1937.

The message was constructed from letters out from  
newspapers and possibly magazines and pasted on wrapping paper.  
It reads as follows:

"To President

You must take orders from us or else your  
company will be blow to hell get \$1000 in  
50 cents only be ready to plant it where we  
tell you if not the men of ail will blow  
General Motors of the map. Put this in the  
Daily News We are Name the place  
Put on page 7 - on May 15

RECORDED

You Sam

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ENCLOSURE

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9-2777-2	
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
MAY 18 1937	
LABORATORY	FILE

It has been established that several letters were cut from the "Daily Home News" of New Brunswick, New Jersey, and from the peach (pink) section of "The Star Eagle" of Newark, New Jersey.

The envelope, approximately  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{8}$ ", was addressed in blue ink, and reads as follows:

"PERSONAL

ALFRED P. SLOAN  
GENERAL MOTORS CORP  
OF LINDEN DIVISION      PERSONAL "

Letter number two was received with the regular company mail on the morning of May 11, 1937. The envelope of this letter is postmarked New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 10, 1937, 5 PM.

This letter was written on wrapping paper in pencil and reads as follows:

"To President

This is what Become of People that don't pay up. this is your second warning don't pay and you'll get the same. Remember no funny stuff the Ailer men are ready to blow you sky wide. Just like this picture have your money ready.

THE AILER

May 11, 1937

"

The envelope, approximately  $5\frac{3}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{3}{8}$ ", was addressed in pencil, and reads as follows:

"Personal

President  
General Motors INC  
Linden, N.J.

Personal "

Enclosed in letter number two was a newspaper photograph of the demolished dirigible Hindenburg.

The letters and envelopes are believed to have been handled by the following persons:

Walter G. Haslam (Mail Clerk)  
Roger F. McDonald (Mail Clerk)  
Sherwood T. Sterling (Mail Clerk)  
William J. Smith (Comptroller)  
LaVerne R. Sanborn (Assistant to Mr. Smith)  
Mahlon H. Dunn (Plant Protection Department)  
Herbert Schulhafer (Postmaster, Linden, N.J.)  
Crane Roberts (Manager of Plant)

Fingerprints of the above, with the exception of Mr. Roberts, are being transmitted herewith. Mr. Roberts advised that his fingerprints are on file, having been taken in 1934 by the Piedmont, California, Police Department, when Mr. Roberts was deputized during labor troubles in that section. He advised that in the event they were not located and were needed, he would arrange with an agent to be fingerprinted.

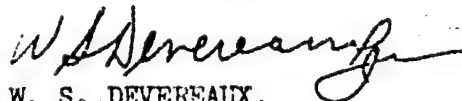
Mr. Smith, Comptroller, and Mr. Schulhafer, Postmaster of Linden, New Jersey, have requested that their fingerprints be filed in the Civil Fingerprint Section when they have served their purpose.

It is desired that the Technical Laboratory process the letters for fingerprints and determine the texture of the wrapping paper and envelopes. Also, that the letters cut from newspapers be preserved in their original condition for possible future use in comparing scissors or shears markings.

It is further requested that photographic copies of the letters transmitted herewith be furnished the Newark Field Division and that the originals be retained in the Bureau files.

It is also requested that the Technical Laboratory attempt to determine the mailing date of Letter number one.

Very truly yours,



W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WDF:VG  
cc: Bureau

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REGISTERED MAIL

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: ~~Unknown~~ Subjects;

Number: 9-2777

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.,

President Gen. Motors Corp. - Victim  
Extortion

Specimens:

9-2777 Q 5 One sheet of brown wrapping paper written in pencil and reads:

"This is your last warning pay up or else."

" Q 6 One envelope postmarked New Brunswick 2 NJ May 12 1937 8 PM.

Examination requested by: ~~Howe~~

Date received: 5-14-37 (12:00 noon)kr ( 5-14-37 1:00 P.M. chp)

Examination requested: ~~Document-Fingerprint~~ ✓

Result of examination:

Examination by: Lovett

Potter

*Q.L. - 5/13*  
*Sch. made in C.S. for Mr. Robert 5/14 - no ident*  
*1 latent on Q 5 - clings #7 of Walter S.*

*Hawkins*

*2 latents on Q 6*

*Wied (come)*  
*5/14/37*

*Excluded (p.d.)*  
*5/15/37*

*ack. 5/18/37*

ATP:ANE

May 27, 1937

9-2777-2

Special Agent  
Newark, New Jersey

Subjects: Alfred P.  
Walker, Jr.; President, General  
Walker Corporation - Victim;  
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

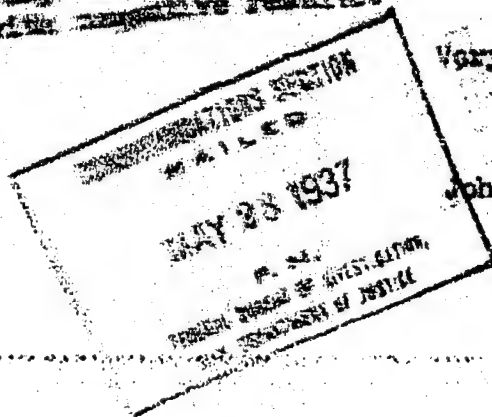
Reference is made to the Bureau's letter of May 18, 1937 relative to the fingerprint examination conducted in connection with the above-mentioned case.

It is noted that the latent fingerprint developed on the letterhead of the President. You must take orders from us for the examination of the latent print under date of May 12, 1937 and reported in the Bureau's letter referred to above as of sufficient detail to permit identification has now been searched through the Bureau's single fingerprint file without effecting an identification. Accordingly, a copy of the latent print has been placed in the unidentified section of that file with a view to subsequent identification as additional fingerprints are placed in the file. It will also be available, together with the additional unidentified latent fingerprints in this case, for comparison with the fingerprints of any suspects whom your office may subsequently name.

It is noted that the latent prints in this case have been compared with the latent impressions in the case entitled Unknown Subjects; Edward B. Walker; Charles W. Morrissey - Victims; Extortion with negative results.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.





FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 16687

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Laboratory ReportCase: Unknown Subjects;Number: 9-2777-2

Alfred F. Sloan, Jr., President,  
General Motors Corporation -- Victim  
Extortion.

## Specimens:

- 9-2777-2 Q 1 One sheet of letters clipped from newspaper, etc. and reads:  
"To President You must take orders from us--"  
" Q 2 One envelope postmarked New Brunswick, NJ, May 8 or 9, 1937.  
" Q 3 One sheet of writing in pencil which reads: "To President This is--"  
" Q 4 One envelope postmarked New Brunswick, NJ, May 10, 1937 5 PM.

One newspaper photograph of demolished dirigible Hindenburg.

Examination requested by: Newark, NJ. *7 sets of prints for elim. - Out for sch 5/14/37*Date received: 5-13-37 (3:00 PM hr) (5-13-37 4:00 P.M. chp)Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Love

PHOTOGRAPHS AND EXAMINATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY TONIGHT.

Love

Potter

WIRE ANSWER TONIGHT.

Latents: 1 on Q4 (for search)  
3 " Q3 (fragments)  
1 " Q1 ( " )  
1 " Q2 (elim as #1 of M.E.H.)

Prints of Crane Roberts not located in Q 5/13

Latents, print on Q2 elim as #1 of M.E.H.

Opinion: No other ident

Wired 5/13/37 (Kane)

Latents compo. with latents 9-2770-1 - no ident 5/14

Latent Q4 searched as W-A4-Ent-?-Ident-17 only

O.D. 5-25-37

5/15/37

Latent Q4 searched as W-A4-Ent-?-Ident-17 only  
5/15/37



Enclosure Retained

9-2771-2

Bayard-Conner Building  
Newark, New Jersey

May 22, 1937

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ~~LABORATORY~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

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Daily News as are Name the place  
Put on page 7 - on May 15

FOR MR. TOLSON AND MR. CLEGG  
You Hon

DIVISION ONE  
RECEIVED  
MAY 22 1937

After MAY 18 1937 A. M.

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Mr. Smith, Comptroller, and Mr. Schulhafer, Postmaster of Linden, New Jersey, have requested that their fingerprints be filed in the Civil Fingerprint Section when they have served their purpose.

It is desired that the Technical Laboratory process the letters for fingerprints and determine the texture of the wrapping paper and envelopes. Also, that the letters cut from newspapers be preserved in their original condition for possible future use in comparing scissors or shear markings.

It is further requested that photographic copies of the letters transmitted herewith be furnished the Newark Field Division and that the originals be retained in the Bureau's files.

It is also requested that the Technical Laboratory attempt to determine the mailing date of Letter number one.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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SUBJECTS, ALFRED P. SIZAN PRESIDENT GENERAL MOTORS

EXTORTION. FIRST LETTER RECEIVED AT LINDEN,

OF GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION MAILED FROM NEW

JERSEY MAY EIGHTH OR NINTH. LETTER DEMANDS

IN FIFTY CENT PIECES OR FACTORY WILL BE BLOWN UP.

QUOTE PUT THIS IN DAILY NEWS WE ARE NAME THE PLACE UN-

CONSISTS OF WORDS CUT FROM NEWSPAPERS AND PASTED ON

SECOND LETTER WRITTEN IN PENCIL ON WRAPPING PAPER

EDENSWICK, NEW JERSEY MAY TENTH NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN

PHOTOGRAPH OF DEMOLISHED DIRIGIBLE HINDEHURG AND ADVISES

READY. LETTERS REFERRED TO LINDEN, NEW JERSEY POSTMASTER

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